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## GT. BRITAIN WILL NOT RELEASE THEM

Germans, Austrians and Turks Taken Off S. S. China Must Remain Prisoners

### WASHINGTON GOVT. HAS BEEN NOTIFIED

Reply of Entente Regarding Searching of Mails Before American Officials

Washington, April 4.—Great Britain's refusal to release the 38 Germans, Austrians and Turks taken from the American liner China near Shanghai was received to-day at the state department and will be given out for publication later.

The British note is understood to insist on the right of that government to seize enemy subjects returning to take part in the war. This, it is understood, the United States is prepared to dispute vigorously. The intention of the state department is to demand the unconditional release of the prisoners, according to many precedents.

Searching of Mails.

Washington, April 4.—With the reply of the entente powers to the protest of the United States against mail seizures by them, administration officials to-day were considering what, if any, further steps are to be taken in the controversy.

## STATEMENTS DO NOT SERVE, SAYS FEYLER

German Staff Need Not Try to Mislead About Verdun Battle

Paris, April 4.—The following explanation of the battle of Verdun battle has been written by Col. Feyler, the military critic, whose position as an unprejudiced neutral in the buffer state of Switzerland affords him special opportunities of obtaining news both from the French and the Germans:

Amidst all the conflicting and confusing accounts of the happenings at Verdun, one thing is certain, that is that the German staff miscalculated the amount of resistance it would have to overcome to capture the town. At the same time the staff knows the extent of its error, what its costs have been and what measures it will still be able to take. It tells the public of Germany nothing about these things, but in order to maintain public confidence it has used three arguments:

Three Statements.

First—An appeal for confidence in the staff on the basis of previous victories.

Second—Rousing statements as to the amount of ground gained and the number of prisoners taken. Employing the theoretical calculation that five men are put out of action for every prisoner taken, the French losses at Verdun total 180,000; however, neutral countries must not accept these figures; they are reached merely by mathematical calculation in Berlin without taking into consideration the character of the fighting at Verdun.

The third argument used by the German staff is that the battle of Verdun was not meant to be a decisive affair, but was resigned to forestall the allies' offensive.

The Truth.

The truth is that Germany first tried to carry Verdun with one sudden, overwhelming blow. She failed and now Germany seeks victory by methodical attacks.

Both of these phases necessitated the use of too many effectives and too great an expenditure of munitions and covered too widespread a field of manoeuvre for the Verdun offensive to be anything but a vastly important affair undertaken by Germany with a decisive object in view. The staff plan probably was not only to capture Verdun with a sudden blow, but immediately afterwards to strike all along the western front so as to put the French and British armies out of action and force peace.

The check of the Germans at Verdun is not limited to this one campaign but is the check of a manoeuvre that was intended to be decisive.

Desperation Now.

The German staff will not end the Verdun action until it has exhausted all resources for gaining what may make for success in Germany. Hence the attack on Le Mort Homme salient. If Germany could seize this salient and if she still had sufficient reserves to build up another massive army of assault, she might make another general attack on the fortress from the semi-circular line she has been drawing round it for the past number of weeks.

## BRITISH MEETING GEN. JOFFRE'S WISH

Not Attacking Because French Leader Asked Them to Remain Idle

### COL. REPINGTON SUMS UP SITUATION AT VERDUN

Disposition of German Forces on Front in France and Belgium

Paris, April 4.—Col. Repington, military expert of the London Times, writes:

Thanks to the courtesy of the French government and Gen. Joffre, I have been allowed to make a tour of the French front and to become acquainted with the general situation. In this message I propose to refer to the position at Verdun and to make a few observations upon the distribution of the German army in the west.

Although Gen. Petain had many trumps, he was fighting an up-hill fight and the Germans were very pressing. With the arrival of a division from the Russian front a few days ago, they have now 30 divisions around Verdun, which they find a very hard nut to crack.

No Rest.

It is a moderate estimate which suggests they suffered 150,000 casualties during the first month of the battle. They are being given no rest. The French are assuming the superiority in artillery. They continue to fire all day and all night. They hold every road and reserve position in ravine, wood and possible billeting zone under their fire.

When the Germans forsook the roads and took to the paths, the French airmen spied them out and their tracks are now treated like the woods. No Germans within five miles of the French guns can be sure of a minute of rest. While 250,000 German infantry suffered the bulk of the losses, there probably are 125,000 artillery, supply and other arms of the service who also have suffered.

Petain's Strategy.

Gen. Petain is not above giving the Germans a piece of ground if they want it very badly and it forms a not easily defensible salient, like Malancourt, but he is a stickler for the price and will not allow the Germans to come on unless they are ready to pay three lives for one.

The chief theatre of fighting remains on the northern front, where the main masses of German artillery are posted on the two main groups, one about Zeptsarges, the other around Beaumont. Flank positions on the northerly front, namely Avocourt and Malancourt to the west and Vaux to the east, are utilized mainly for the tactical purpose of aiding the northern attack. The German position on the Woevre plain is bad and the artillery on this side seems to be willing to stop firing when it is left alone.

Carpeted With Dead.

The whole northern front is carpeted with German dead. A French patrol went out last night to examine one of the foremost German trenches which had been reported full of men by our air observers. The trench was full of Germans, but all were dead.

Since his great attack failed the German crown prince has resorted to his favorite method of disconnected and partial attacks. Before Verdun he is using up his divisions one by one. We were fortunate to have him here, but, just as in the Argonne, he was given all he needed with bountiful hands in the vain hope of connecting his name with victory.

On the west bank of the Meuse the French are solidly posted from Avocourt through the ridge southeast of Malancourt and by Le Mort Homme to the river. The Germans evidently have the intention of pushing on here and they are regularly bombarding the main French position about Bois Bourrus and Fort de Marre. It will cost them immense sacrifices to attempt to carry out their plan. The French position remains practically the same as it was more than a month ago when General Balfourier made a great strike gainst the Germans.

The Germans are plastering the town with incendiary shells of a new type.

Confidence of French.

French confidence in victory has no limit. It is felt that a moral victory already has been obtained. Even the German successes at Verdun will make no serious difference. The army of France will merely begin again after inflicting heavy losses on the Germans in the battle of Verdun. The whole line is being watched coolly by Gen. Joffre, who has ample reserves well in hand.

German Forces.

If we regard the present distribution of the German forces in the west we observe two great masses of troops, one in front of the British army, the other around Verdun. The first group numbers 24 divisions or thereabouts, including divisions in reserve, while the second is composed of 30 divisions. The rest of the German line in France is thinly held.

The Germans boast that a large number of French divisions have been used at Verdun. They omit to add that the French, having ample reserves, take the divisions out of their line before they have lost a percentage equal to the percentage lost by the German divisions. The Germans fight divisions until they have lost 50 per cent. of their men and are shattered. Then they draw them out and fill them up and send them back to the fighting line. They do this because they have no other larger units in reserve.

Germans' Expectations.

One must suppose either that the Germans intend to attack the British or expect the British to attack.

There is a third hypothesis, namely, that the Germans may withdraw divisions in reserve from the British front and send them to Verdun but that movement would take a week at least. We should know of it and not sit still.

It is vexatious that we are not fighting when our friends are fighting so hard, but the present system is to Gen. Joffre's liking and we can leave it at that

## Reported Holland Has Massed Forces on German Border

**Rome, April 4.—Wireless reports from Zurich state that Holland has closed her German frontier and massed all her available forces there.**

## GERMANY RUNNING SHORT OF FIGHTERS

Men Being Drafted From Units in Line to Weakened Units

### ALL OF THIS YEAR'S CLASS AT THE FRONT

Paris, April 4.—Evidence that Germany is running short of soldiers is afforded by a semi-official statement given out here to-day.

Officers and men, according to this statement, are being drafted from existing units of the army to the units weakened in the fighting.

A high source states that proof also is possessed in Paris that all of Germany's 1916 class either are already in the trenches or held in reserve in the immediate rear.

The German casualties during the first quarter of 1916 are unofficially estimated at 300,000. The principal losses were suffered at Verdun.

It is estimated that the aggregate of Germany's reserves is 700,000. She has 170,000 men fighting with the Austrians, 15,000 with the Turks and 10,000 with the Bulgarians.

## WINNIPEG STREETS STILL UNDER PATROL

Police Station Guarded; No Disturbance Last Night or To-day

Winnipeg, April 4.—The streets of this city still are being patrolled by soldiers and the police station still is under a military guard. These are merely precautionary details, however, for perfect quiet reigned throughout the night and this morning. All hotels still are out of bounds for the soldiers, but any feeling of restlessness among the men has been quieted by an order of the authorities permitting the soldiers to take part in elimination boxing contests preparatory to the military athletic carnival which will be held at the Horseshow building on Friday and Saturday evenings.

A number of riot cases were handled by Magistrate Sir Hugh John Macdonald yesterday, but in the cases where convictions were registered the prisoners were remanded till to-day for sentence, the names of eight civilians and 38 soldiers being on the list

## WILHELM WOULD LIKE TO CHOOSE KING OF POLAND

Rome, April 4.—It is reported here that Kaiser Wilhelm has designated Duke Luitpold of Bavaria as the future king of Poland. It is said that the consent of Emperor Francis Joseph practically has been secured by the young duke, who went to Vienna for that purpose.

Duke Luitpold is the third son of the late Duke Maximilian Emmanuel.

## BELGIUM'S FUTURE IS NOT IN DOUBT

Words Used by Cardinal Mercier in Pastoral Letter He Wrote

### BELGIANS WILL BE FREE AND HAPPY ONCE MORE

Statement of Facts Which Led von Bissing to Threaten Persecution

London, April 4.—A copy of Cardinal Mercier's pastoral letter, which evoked a remonstrance from General von Bissing, German military governor of Belgium, last month, has just been received here. After expressing joy at being back among his fellow-countrymen and stating that his journey to Rome had been blessed beyond what he had dared to hope, the Belgian cardinal, turning to the position of Belgium, says:

Belgium's Triumph.

"Let us even suppose that the finish of the issue of the gigantic war now being fought in Europe and in Asia Minor should be uncertain, one fact already is established in civilization and history—the moral triumph of Belgium. In unison with your king and government, you have made immense sacrifices for your country. Peoples abroad understand your spirit of sacrifice; you are admired, and your generation has taken its place gloriously in history. Is not that a conquest, brethren? Are you not the most glorious of conquerors?

Victory Coming.

"I know that you weep, that hearts of mothers and wives are broken, that lives are being lost on the banks of the Yser. The imprisonment of our nation on our own soil is sadly prolonged.

"We shall win, but we are not yet at the end of our sufferings. France, Great Britain and Russia have pledged themselves to make no peace until Belgium has recovered her entire independence and been largely indemnified. Italy in turn has adhered to this pledge. Our future is not in doubt, but we must be prepared for it."

## NORWEGIANS WILL ASK COMPENSATION

Germany Requested to State Whether Submarines Attacked Ships Recently Sunk

London, April 4.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph says that the Norwegian government has requested the German government to investigate whether German submarines were responsible for the torpedoing of the large number of Norwegian ships which have been destroyed within the past few days.

If it be proved that German submarines were responsible, Norway will demand full compensation. Investigations on the part of Germany regarding other Norwegian vessels which have been torpedoed since the submarine campaign was intensified have not yet been concluded, the dispatch adds.

## Must Prepare for Another Year of War, Says McKenna

**London, April 4.—In opening his budget speech in the Commons to-day Rt. Hon. Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, said it was assumed that the war would last during the whole of the financial year.**

## SPLENDID WORK BY THE ALLIED FLEETS IN MEDITERRANEAN

Rome, April 4.—It is learned that the action of the allied fleets during March, especially that of the Italian fleet in the lower Adriatic, was particularly brilliant and useful.

When the Italians evacuated Durazzo the allied fleets made a veritable chain in front of Cattaro. The Austrian ships dared not venture out. The few attempts made by Austrian ships against Italian transports were paid for by the Austrians with important losses.

## HOLLAND TRIES TO INFLUENCE GERMANY

Preparations Due to Fear Germany Might Send Troops Across Border

### STATEMENT TO-DAY BY EX-MINISTER OF WAR

Safety Expected If Germany Does Not Fear Invasion by British

Amsterdam, April 4.—"I do not for a moment suggest there is a possibility that Great Britain intends to land her new armies on the Dutch coast," said Former Minister of War Colyn to-day in an interview regarding recent military preparations in Holland. "We have the assurance of Britain that she will respect our neutrality and we rely on that assurance. But the question is what does Germany think of this?

"If the Germans should begin seriously to be afraid of such a contingency, namely, of the landing of British troops in Holland, what influence would that have on Germany's attitude towards us? If Germany should judge our defensive capacity inadequate and consider that a British invasion of Germany through Holland was to be feared, would it then be strange if we were approached from the German side with proposals to which we could not submit because they would mean the abandonment of our neutrality toward the allies?"

To Influence Germany.

Jonkerr Colyn added that there was an increasing possibility of conflict on both sides, and while a waiting attitude might be adopted toward Great Britain, something positive regarding Germany should be done. He said the strengthening of the Dutch forces is in order to make it clear to Germany that Holland has the power and the intention to prevent a menace to Germany's open flank."

## HUDSON WILL BE TRIED FOR PIRACY

German Who Held Up Matoppo May Be Jailed for Life

New York, April 4.—The United States attorney general notified the local federal authorities here to-day that a formal charge of piracy on the high seas, for which the penalty upon conviction is imprisonment for life, is to be preferred against Clarence Reginald Hudson, alias Ernest Schiller, who took possession of the British freighter Matoppo.

The United States district attorney here was requested to have Hudson removed to the jurisdiction of the Wilmington, Del., federal authorities for trial in the district where Hudson was first jailed.

Magistrate's Ruling.

New York, April 4.—Clarence Reginald Hudson, alias Ernest Schiller, who took possession of the British freighter Matoppo on the high seas, to-day was sent by Police Magistrate Koenig to the psychopathic ward in Bellevue hospital for observation for ten days.

The magistrate at the same time held without bail on a technical charge Otto Milleder and George Haller, who were arrested in connection with Hudson's alleged plot to blow up the Cunard liner Pannonia.

When arraigned, Hudson told the magistrate that while on board the Matoppo he had had visions in which he had seen King George and Lord Kitchener.

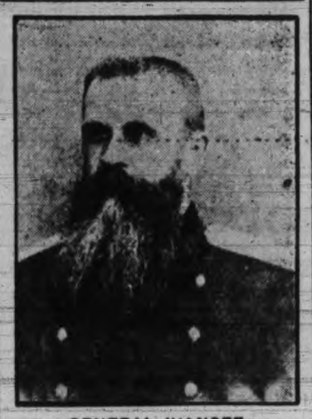
## ZEPPELIN L-15 MAY BE RAISED AND USED AGAINST THE GERMANS

London, April 4.—The British Aeronautical Institute has asked the government's permission to undertake at its own expense the salvage of the Zeppelin L-15, which is lying in shallow water off the mouth of the Thames. The institute believes that if the salvage is undertaken by aircraft experts, "the Zeppelin can be saved, rebuilt and launched against the enemy within three months."

## STEAMSHIP SUNK HAD AMERICANS ON BOARD

London, April 4.—The American consul at Cork has reported to the American embassy here that the steamship Berwindale, which was sunk off Ireland on March 18, had four Americans aboard. None of these was hurt, but the consul reports that the vessel was torpedoed.

## ABLE COMMANDER OF RUSSIAN ARMIES IN SOUTH HAS RETIRED



GENERAL IVANOFF

Petrograd, April 4.—General N. I. Ivanoff has retired from the command of the Russian armies in Volhynia and Galicia, and Czar Nicholas has addressed a complimentary rescript to him.

General Ivanoff's successor has not been announced.

## Raid by Zeppelins on England Last Night An Absolute Failure

London, April 4.—No damage was caused by the Zeppelin raid last night, it was announced officially to-day, and there were no casualties.

Berlin, April 4.—Another Zeppelin raid on the British coast was made on Monday night, the admiralty announced to-day. The fortifications near Yarmouth were attacked and the airships returned safely.

## "VICTORIES," BUT NO RELIEF FOR GERMANS

Maximilian Harden Raises His Voice to Appeal for Peace

London, April 4.—A remarkable article by the German editor Maximilian Harden, appealing for an immediate peace, has appeared in Die Zukunft, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Daily Express. It is especially interesting in view of the fact that it was passed for publication by the German censors. Harden wrote:

"In spite of almost uncountable victories, in spite of the fact that our land is free from the enemies' armies and that we are occupying a big conquered area, we think that war is a cruel misfortune, the recurrence of which must be prevented by all possible means. Let us come to the conclusion that the war was a mistake, made not by one, but by all. Let us end it and organize peace."

Two or three months ago Die Zukunft, Harden's paper, was suspended and dispatches from Berlin said the suspension was to last until the end of the war. He had published an article calling on the government to tell the truth to the people so that they would realize that all the so-called "victories" were not victories in the real sense, as they brought no relief and no spoils to the people of Germany.

No dispatch from Berlin told of the reappearance of Die Zukunft, but as it has been appearing as usual for several weeks past it would appear that the German government feared to muzzle Harden for the period of the war. Harden is hated and feared by official Berlin. It is said he possesses a greater fund of underground political information than any other writer in Germany.

## 200 CASUALTIES AT A MUNITIONS PLANT IN KENT; ACCIDENTAL

London, April 4.—The explosion of a powder factory in Kent caused the death or injury of 200 persons, it was announced officially to-day. The following was given out:

"The ministry of munitions reports with regret that during the week-end a serious fire broke out in a powder factory, which led to a series of explosions in the works. The fire was purely accidental. It was discovered at mid-day and the last of the explosions took place shortly after two in the afternoon.

"The approximate number of casualties is 200."

### VILLA HAS ESCAPED.

San Antonio, April 4.—Official admission of the belief that Villa has fled far beyond the American forces and is now operating south of Chihuahua City, was made at Maj.-Gen. Funston's headquarters to-day.

## GERMAN ARTILLERY RESPONDED FEEBLY

No Infantry Attack on Douaumont-Vaux Front, Paris States

### GUNS BUSY LAST NIGHT WEST OF THE MEUSE

Positions in Argonne Bombarded by the French; German Claim

Paris, April 4.—No infantry attacks were made last night by the Germans in the Verdun region, the war office announcement says this afternoon. The French continued their heavy bombardment along the Douaumont-Vaux front, northeast of Verdun. The response was feeble. There were violent artillery exchanges near Avocourt and Malancourt.

The text of the statement follows:

"In the Argonne district we bombarded certain of the German organizations, particularly in the region of Montfaucon and Malancourt.

"West of the Meuse there has been artillery fighting of considerable violence along the front from Avocourt as far as Malancourt.

Feeble Response.

"East of the Meuse the night passed quietly. The Germans have made no attack against the front between Douaumont and Vaux, re-established by our counter attacks of yesterday. French batteries have been particularly active in firing on the enemy positions in this region. The enemy has responded but feebly.

"East of the forest of Le Pretre a strong reconnaissance by the enemy was dispersed by our fire.

"In Alsace French batteries were successful in shelling a German supply train on the highway between Thann and Muelhausen."

German Claim.

Berlin, April 4.—Strong French positions southwest of Douaumont and in the Caillette wood, northeast of Verdun, have been taken by German troops, the war office announced to-day.

Capture by the British of a mine crater at St. Eloi, south of Ypres, which the Germans had been occupying, also is recorded in the official statement.

## SIX LOST LIVES AND EIGHTEEN WOUNDED

Casualties Announced at Ottawa To-day; Two Suffering From Shock

Ottawa, April 4.—The following casualty list was issued this forenoon, the next of kin in all cases being in the Old Country:

Infantry.

Killed in action March 25—Pte. James Meatz, Pte. James H. Thompson, Pte. Jasper Smith Walpole.

Severely wounded—Pte. Herbert Bodycomb, Corpl. Charles Walter Cops.

Wounded—Sergt. Percy Gerard Hibb, Pioneer James Campbell, Pte. Thos. Frederick Bates, Pte. William Valentine, Pte. Edmund Ralph, Pte. John Hutchinson, Pte. Sidney Williams, Pte. Frank Burgess, Pte. Geo. Smith, Pte. Anthony Robert Barry, Pte. James Ferguson, Pte. James Gordon, Pte. Harry S. Pright.

Suffering from shock—Pte. John Henry Waters, Pte. John Tomlinson.

Mounted Rifles.

Died of wounds March 25—Pte. Frank Herbert Vaughan, Pte. Robert Peden, Pte. Jack Robinson.

Wounded—Pte. Robert Stitt Copeland, Pte. Hugh Sindall Jordon, Pte. Robert Kerr.

## ENTENTE DECIDES GERMANS IN CRETE MUST BE INTERNED

Copenhagen, April 4.—A Constantinople dispatch states that the French consul on the Island of Crete has demanded that the Germans on the island be interned by the Greek authorities, and has stated that if the Greeks do not take action, the French will.

Large numbers of Germans are reported to be leaving the island.

## MANY MINES ADRIFT IN THE NORTH SEA

London, April 4.—Steamships arriving from the Scandinavian countries lay particular stress on the fact that there are large numbers of new mines in the North Sea, many of which are adrift and are making navigation extremely hazardous.

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# ITALIANS CONTINUE TO HOLD ADVANTAGE

## Good Work by Artillery: Air Fights; Three Enemy Machines Destroyed

**Rome, April 4.—The following official communication was issued last night:**

"Along the whole front from the Lagarina valley to the Sugana valley artillery fire continued Saturday and Sunday with increasing intensity. Our observers brought news of important troop movements, which our artillery broke up.

"Enemy aviators attempting frequent reconnaissances over our lines were kept at a great height by our anti-aircraft guns, and finally were put to flight by our aviators.

"In the valley of the Cisoon our advanced posts attacked and pushed back an Austrian detachment in the vicinity of Malga Sopra Lona. At San Pellegrino on Sunday night we repulsed an enemy attack.

"In the Cristallo zone an enemy battery opened a violent fire on our new positions on Rauchkofel. We silenced it. Our infantry increased its recent conquests, occupying the summit of Hill 1979, dominating the valley of Cristallo.

"During the day on the Upper Butt and along the Isonzo front there was intense artillery activity on both sides, more violent on the heights northwest of Goriaia.

"On Saturday night one of our dirigibles, despite the high wind, succeeded in reaching the railway junction at Opcina, north of Trieste, on which it dropped high explosives. Notwithstanding the fire of numerous enemy batteries, the airship returned safely.

"This morning six Caproni aeroplanes made a daring raid on Adelsberg, an important railroad centre and the headquarters of the high Austrian command, on which it dropped 46 bombs, starting large fires. Our airmen, attacked by enemy aviators, repulsed them and returned unharmed.

"Our airmen brought down three of the five enemy seaplanes which, supported by two torpedo boats, bombarded Ancona yesterday, causing three deaths and injuries to eleven persons. No important damage was done by the raiders."

# GERMANY ANXIOUS TO COVER LOSSES

## Total to March 1 Is Only a Million; Probably Near Four Millions

**New York, April 4.—A cable from Berlin computes the number of Germans permanently eliminated from the army up to March 1 at only 1,029,620.**

**According to information received and calculations made by British authorities this figure is absurdly low.**

In an exhaustive treatise published on March 9, Hilaire Belloc put the German losses to the end of 1915 at an "irreducible minimum" of nearly four millions. By German losses he means not merely the killed, wounded, sick, and prisoners, but the number permanently off the army's strength, after making allowance for the sick and wounded who have recovered.

This total is made up as follows:

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| Dead | 1,000,000 |
| Prisoners | 250,000 |
| Disabled, wounded | 1,600,000 |
| Disabled, sickness | 600,000 |
| "Permanent margin of temporary losses," i.e., men in hospital who will return to army, but whose number will remain constant | 400,000 |
| Total | 3,850,000 |

The figure for the dead is based largely on Germany's own official reports. The number of prisoners held by the allies is a secret, but Mr. Belloc conveys the impression that he knows a quarter of a million would be an underestimate. The total wounded he estimates at 3,000,000, of whom 1,600,000 are permanently disabled, but he admits that an authoritative estimate on this point is the most difficult of all to make. He insists that this figure, as also the 600,000 for those disabled through sickness, is an underestimate. Then to these figures must be added the number constantly in hospital through temporary wounds or illness while the war lasts. The individuals may go back to the firing line, but the loss to the force continues constant.

In the light of these figures the Berlin correspondent's estimate is merely grotesque.

# GERMANS FAILED AT IKSKULL BRIDGEHEAD

## In Caucasus Russians Passed Watershed of Tchoruk, Capturing Strong Position

Petrograd, April 4.—The following official report was issued last night:

"After 90 minutes' preparation by gusts of heavy and light artillery, the Germans attacked the bridgehead at Ikskull, but were repulsed. In the region of Dwinsk and south of it there have been artillery duels. There has been great activity by the enemy artillery on many sectors.

"During the German offensive described yesterday in the region north of the Baranowichi station, the enemy fired explosive bullets. In the region of Liakowichi on Sunday morning a considerable body of Germans crossed the Shara river and launched an attack on our posts, but were repulsed.

"There has been great activity by the enemy aviators, in the Polessie region. The floods continue.

"Caucasus front—In the course of our offensive we passed the watershed of the upper Tchoruk river and seized strongly fortified mountain positions 10,000 feet above the sea level, taking prisoners a company of Turks. In the course of the pursuit of the enemy in the region of the Sourkarpet convent we captured a Turkish camp, with tents and shelters and a store of arms. Southeast of Mush, in the region of the village of Mahbouboük, our detachments dispersed parties of Turkish cavalry."

### Turkish Claims.

London, April 4.—Constantinople claims that the Turks have checked the Russian offensive in the Caucasus, and that the Ottoman forces have made advances in the Tchoruk valley.

In Arabia, it is claimed, the British near Sheikh Osman have been driven from fortified positions with heavy casualties and forced to retreat.

# RUSSIA PROTESTS AGAINST BARBARITY

Petrograd, April 4.—The Russian government has sent a note to all neutral governments protesting against the torpedoing of the Russian hospital ship Portugal by a German submarine in the Black Sea, and has requested the American and Spanish embassies to bring this protest to the attention of Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey.

# SENDING OF CANADIAN TO ENTENTE CONFERENCE

Ottawa, April 4.—When questions were reached in the House of Commons late yesterday evening, Hon. Charles Marcil was told that there had been some confidential correspondence in regard to the proposal to send a representative of Canada to the conference of the allies in Paris, but it would not be in the interests of the public to table it in the House.

**F. L. Haynes means watchmaker and jeweler.**

# ALLIES MUST KEEP ON KILLING GERMANS

## Because They Are Fighting Christ's Battle, Says Father Vaughan

London, April 4.—"Kill Germans if you would win the war," continues to be the slogan of the Rev. Bernard Vaughan, priest militant. Father Vaughan recently answered another clergyman who thought it was a pity to kill so many Germans by saying: "In my blundering stupidity I had thought it a pity to miss so many of them."

In Reynold's Newspaper Father Vaughan returns to the charge with the following:

"There are two extreme schools of thought respecting this life-and-death struggle called warfare. The militarists and pacificists are poles apart in their teaching about war. On the one hand, while the Prussian war lords make out war to be not only a 'biological necessity,' but also the 'religion of valor,' the Society of Friends, on the other hand, declares that nothing can justify the repelling of force by force.

"The German Bernhardi would turn plowshares into swords, and the Russian Tolstoi would, on the contrary, crush swords into plowshares. A plague on both your houses, say I. Between these optimistic and pessimistic views about the right to fight there is a third class made up of people like Rev. Dr. Meyer and Rev. Newsham Taylor, who lead one under the impression that they regard the present European war as some international football match, with the betting on our side and with the hope that none of the players in the rough game will be badly hurt. They and their followers, in their solicitude for my welfare, keep on reminding me how ill beseeming ecclesiastical lips it is to give the advice to kill Germans.

### His Attitude.

"I suppose I am expected by this school of thought to exhort our troops not to kill them. Mr. Bernard Shaw has reminded me that there is another way of ending the war besides that of killing Germans, and that is to end it by killing Britishers. My attitude toward the war may be summed up in a very simple syllogism. It is this:

"Warfare means killing the troops fighting against you.

"But the troops fighting against us are German.

"Therefore the war for us means killing Germans.

"About the major premises Mr. Shaw and myself are in complete agreement. It is with the minor premises that we seem to be quarreling. It is not quite clear whether he puts Britishers where I put Britain's enemy. So that the conclusion to be drawn from the premises depends altogether upon which side you are in the fight. As it is as clear as noonday to me that we have entered into this devastating war with a clear conscience and clean hands, I am satisfied that we must go on killing Germans until we have reached the number that will entitle us to dictate to the enemy our terms of peace, and so save Europe from the tyranny, the kultur of the superman with his superstate.

### Menace Must Go.

"We have drawn the sword to protect the neutrality, independence and autonomy of the smaller European kingdoms, and it is our rooted determination never to slip that sword into its scabbard again till Europe is rid of its menace to liberty, justice and civilization. To the militarist, then, who regards warfare as the highest expression of life, I say it is the worst expression of physical evil, and to the pacificist who contends that nothing can justify war, I reply that there are occasions when you must make use of the worst physical evil—warfare—in order to support some great moral cause. In other words, a just war means making use of physical forces to secure some great moral end.

"Let us get to grips with this question about the rights and wrongs of warfare, and let me again remind you that there is a far greater evil than war, and that is sin. War in its most repellant aspect can never get away from its character as a physical evil only, whereas sin is the brand called moral evil.

### Destruction of Soul.

"The founder of Christianity warns us not so much to fear him who can kill the body only as to fear him who can destroy the soul also. In the eighteen millions of casualties recorded in the present scientific slaughter of the human race not a single soul has been necessarily hurt, though that number of bodies have been hit. Shot and shell have broken or shattered the soul's vesture of clay, but it has not touched the life within. To be candid, guns and bombs have ruined or spoiled the outer casement, while the priceless pearl within the shell has been unimpaired, untouched, no matter where has been the danger zone.

"I like to think that our losses here below on earth have been God's gains up there beyond in heaven. Listen to this from a young cavalry officer in the trenches, where later on he was blown to pieces. He wrote to me saying: 'If I am killed, as I expect to be, tell mother not to worry, because but for this war she would never have had me with her in heaven. This hell let loose in Flanders has brought me to my senses, and I have asked God's pardon.' Multiply that incident 10,000 times, and you will come to see what I am driving at. God doesn't want evil, but He permits evil because out of it He can and does draw good.

### An Uplifting Force.

"I believe that this war, a terrible physical evil though it is, has sent heavenward souls innumerable who might otherwise have lost their way thither. Meanwhile I am satisfied that God in His good time will give to the allies a great and lasting victory against a foe who, having started out to kaiserize Prussia and Prussianize Germany, meant to Germanize the world. 'World domination or downfall!' was the cry. During the last twenty months we have learned that pan-Prussianism in theory is nothing better than pan-paganism, while in practice, as seen in Belgium and Poland and Serbia, its right name is pan-brutalism. Like our Crusade forefathers of old, who went forth to rescue the sepulchre of Christ and overthrow the Saracen, we, too, forgetful of the claims of home, have rallied to the fight, ready to lay down our lives for the gospel of Christ and for the suppression of Prussianism, which leaves no room for Christ. With a cause like this before us, we may exclaim with our captain king, even Jesus Christ, 'O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?'

"My friends, when the shout of victory shall roll from Petrograd to Rome, from Paris to London and Edinburgh to Dublin, we shall then add to our prayer, 'Death is swallowed up in victory.'"

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## CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, April 4.—The casualty lists, on orders from Britain, hereafter will not give the names of the units, but merely men's names and the nature of the casualties, under the headings, the "Infantry," "Cavalry," "Artillery," etc.

The following list was issued last night:

Infantry.

Killed in action—Pte. E. Graham, Bathurst, N. S.; Pte. R. Costello, Regina.

Died of wounds—Lce.-Cpl. F. A. Tapp, Toronto; Pte. J. McDonald, Scotland; Pioneer Chas. Flynn, Scotland.

Dangerously wounded—Pte. Geo. Gardner, Winnipeg.

Seriously wounded—Pte. Wm. Fowler, England.

Severely wounded—Lce.-Cpl. John Borland, Scotland; Pte. C. A. Cotton, Ireland; Pte. J. F. Burger, Ottawa.

Wounded—Pte. T. M. Lynch, Channel Islands; Pte. Dennis Carroll, England; Pt. W. Lay, Ireland; Pte. W. A. Smith, Scotland; Sgt. Thos. Haines, no address given; Pte. J. Lang, Scotland; Pte. G. W. Greer, Ireland; Pte. S. A. Emerson, England; Pte. R. Lowe, England; Pioneer Murdo Munro, Jr., Scotland; Comp.-Sgt.-Major Richard Faulkner, Ottawa; Pte. Ernest Therrien, Ottawa; Pioneer Albert St. Louis, Ste. Gertrude, Que.; Pte. J. B. Lavergne, Utica, N. Y.; Pte. J. Hawkins, Seattle, Wash.; Pte. Jas. W. Epworth, Brampton, Ont.; Pte. J. E. Fitzgerald, New Westminster, B. C.; Pte. Frank Roberts, Rhode Island; Pte. M. O. Hirsch, Russia.

Slightly wounded—Lce.-Cpl. Christopher Kitchen, Gleelia Post Office, Man.; Pte. C. Welsh, England.

Seriously ill—Pte. A. H. Plant, Ireland.

Canadian Mounted Rifles.

Killed in action—Cpl. A. H. Bayntun, Maywood, Vancouver Island, B. C.

Severely wounded—Major Walter Barty, Oak Bay, Victoria, B. C.

Wounded—Pte. R. C. P. Gee, care Mrs. Robert Heddle, Nelson, B. C.; Pte. J. P. Bulger, Medicine Hat, Alta.

Artillery.

Wounded—Driver McDonald, Scotland.

Engineers.

Severely wounded—Lieut. C. R. McDonald, Landis, Sask.

Slightly wounded—Sapper Wm. Picton, South Wales.

Life would be no better than candle-light tinsel and daylight rubbish if our spirits were not touched by what has been to issues of longing and constancy.—George Eliot.

## FINAL EVIDENCE GIVEN ABOUT TWO SUBMARINES

Ottawa, April 4.—Final evidence was taken yesterday by Sir Charles Davidson regarding the purchase of two submarines by Sir Richard McBride for the Canadian government at Seattle. G. C. Davidson, vice-president of the Electric Boat Company, stated that the reasons Chile had refused the boats were trivial ones, and he believed the Canadian government had secured good value in the boats at $555,000 each. Mr. Davidson said there were many people in Canada who would back him up in the opinion that these vessels had protected the Pacific coast from invasion at the time the German squadron was supposed to be contemplating an attack.

"If the German vessels had put in an appearance they would most likely have been sent to the bottom by these submarines," Mr. Davidson declared.

J. P. Patterson had been given a commission of $40,000 for negotiating the sale, he said.

## RICH STRIKE OF COAL IN SOUTH AFRICA

Cape Town, April 4.—It is reported that a sensational strike of coal has been made in the district of Witbank, in the Transvaal province, where coal already is being produced in large quantities. It is said that coal producing excellent results has been proved over an area of 8,300 acres. The assay return gave an 18-foot thick seam ranging from 13.27 to 14.3 calorific, 4.9 to 7.45 ash, 10.32 to 0.68 sulphur, 22 to 27 volatile. This indicates a first-class coal, and the fact that it contains such a small proportion of sulphur makes it eminently suitable for steamship and railway consumption.

### FRAUD IN NEW YORK.

Washington, April 4.—Charges that collusion has existed for years between certain deputy internal revenue collectors in New York city and cigar manufacturers recently arrested in the alleged $20,000,000 tobacco fraud cases are under investigation by the treasury department.

## ALLISION SEEMS TO BE IN FLORIDA NOW

### Has Not Gone to Ottawa Yet to Tell of Fuse Contracts

Ottawa, April 4.—"The determination to have Col. J. Wesley Allison come back to Canada and submit himself for examination by both the Davidson commission and the public accounts committee is growing among members on both sides of the House," declares the Evening Free Press. "When Maj.-Gen. Hughes returns to Canada that will be one of the things which will be insisted upon by members of the government, who resent the suspicion cast upon them by the manner in which Col. Allison has disregarded the official summons to appear before the House."

A dispatch to the Evening Journal from Morrisburg, the Canadian home town of Col. J. Wesley Allison, says that a friend of Col. Allison's to-day received a box of cigars from Allison, presumably from Florida. Recent dispatches from New York have stated that Col. Allison was not there, although his private secretary was receiving letters at his offices in the Manhattan hotel.

Interest Keen.

Interest at the capital in the Kyte charges still is keen, the newspapers continuing to devote a great deal of attention to the matter. The Evening Journal (Conservative) editorially says:

"The Laurier motion for a parliamentary inquiry still is to be decided. More charges are said to be coming. There may be more debate. The government will stand by its royal commission; the Conservative party will stand by the government.

"Through political mist, rumor and conjecture, Mr. Kyte's charges appear sinister. They may take definite aspect in the more judicial atmosphere of a royal commission court. Col. J. Wesley Allison may be the scoundrel Mr. Kyte painted him; ignoring parliament's summons does not help him. Maj-Gen. Sir Sam Hughes may be to blame; he hurries home, and justice decrees he be heard. If he is blameless, fair-minded Canadians will be glad. If he has erred, the course of the government will be clear."

## MEDERIC MARTIN AGAIN MAYOR OF MONTREAL

Montreal, April 4.—Mederic Martin, M. P., yesterday was re-elected mayor of Montreal for a second two-year term by almost 10,000 votes more than were polled for Controller Duncan McDonald. Alderman L. A. Lapointe, M. P., the third candidate, was a poor third and may lose his deposit.

### SPAIN PROTESTS.

New York, April 4.—A news agency dispatch from Madrid says:

"The Spanish ministry has voted to forward an energetic protest to Germany because of the death of Spanish passengers aboard the Sussex. Reports from Spanish consuls indicate that the Sussex was torpedoed."

## GROUND WAS GAINED EAST OF THE MEUSE

### Germans Forced to Yield in Caillette Wood; a British Success

Paris, April 4.—The following official statement was issued last night:

"Between Soissons and Rheims we carried out a concerted fire against the German organizations north of the Butte wood and Sapigneul.

"In the Argonne our batteries violently shelled the western corner of the Avocourt wood. An enemy blockhouse was destroyed and a munitions depot blown up.

"West of the Meuse the Germans launched yesterday, at the end of the day, a vigorous attack between Haucourt and Bethincourt against our positions on the north bank of the Forges brook, which we had evacuated, withdrawing to the south bank on the night of March 31-April 1 without the enemy perceiving it. Surprised by a strong fire directed from our positions, and a flanking fire from Bethincourt, the enemy forces suffered heavy losses without being able to return our fire.

"To-day the bombardment was quite violent in the region of the Bois Bourrus, but there was no infantry action.

Counter Attacks Succeed.

"East of the Meuse our counter attacks developed success. In the course of the day we drove back the enemy as far as the northern outskirts of the Caillette wood, and to the north of the Vaux position.

"In the Woevre there was intense artillery activity in the Moulainville sector.

"In retaliation for the bombardment of Dunkirk by a Zeppelin last night, 31 allied aeroplanes dropped on the enemy cantonments at Keyem, Essen, Terrest and Southulst 83 shells of large calibre. Last night one of our air squadrons bombed the station at Conflans.

"To-day a number of aerial fights were fought with success in the region of Verdun. Our aviators brought down four German aeroplanes; other enemy machines took to flight or were forced to land."

The following Belgian communication was issued last evening:

"There was slight artillery activity. In reprisal for the bombardment of Dunkirk yesterday by a Zeppelin, our aeroplanes, in concert with French aeroplanes, bombed enemy cantonments."

British Report.

London, April 4.—The following official statement was issued last night:

"Yesterday one of our aviators brought down a German machine in the neighborhood of Lens. Another aviator attacked and drove off five enemy machines after a close combat with two of them.

"This morning early at St. Eloi we attacked a crater which had been held by the Germans since March 30. The crater was captured and our line was established beyond it. We captured 84 prisoners, including four officers.

"The artillery in this neighborhood has been active all day."

German Claims.

Berlin, April 4.—The following official communication was issued last evening:

"On the left bank of the Meuse, all the enemy's positions north of the brook of Forges between Haucourt and Bethincourt are in our hands. Southwest and south of Fort Douaumont our troops engaged in battle with troops holding French trenches and points of support."

Before British Army.

London, April 4.—The military correspondent of the Times, in an account of his visit to Verdun and other parts of the western front, predicts the development shortly of a big battle on the British front.

"The Germans," he says, "have their army distributed in two great masses—one in front of the British army and the other at Verdun. The first group numbers 34 divisions, and the latter 30 divisions. The rest of the line in France is thinly held.

"From this distribution one must suppose either that the Germans intend to attack the British or expect the British to attack them."

## STEVENS'S AMENDMENTS TO PROHIBITION BILL

Ottawa, April 4.—At the evening sitting of the Commons yesterday the government bill to prohibit the importation of liquor into "dry" provinces in contravention of provincial laws was given a second reading without discussion and considered in committee.

H. H. Stevens, member for Vancouver, gave notice of an amendment to penalize brewers or distillers in a "dry" province who violated the prohibition law of that province, and also another amendment to penalize all those who had anything to do with the importation into a "dry" province of liquor in packages not marked as liquor, or who sent liquor to a fictitious person who was not the actual consignee.

## RECRUITING IN WINNIPEG FOR THE BANTAMS NOW

Winnipeg, April 4.—Recruiting began yesterday of "Bantam" soldiers for the 143rd Battalion, Victoria. Only men under 5 feet 4 inches are being accepted. Lieut. Robert F. Ely, of the 143rd, has opened an office and will pay all transportation expenses to Victoria for the men recruited in this district.

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## DIFFERENT DEFENCES AFTER GREAT WAR

### H. W. Allen Discusses Lessons Learned Regarding Fortifications Since Struggle Began

London, April 4.—H. Warner Allen, special correspondent of the British press with the French army, discusses in an article the land defences of the future.

"What would have been the appearance and organization of a French frontier town or village before the war," he asks, "if the military authorities had realized all the modifications that modern invention had introduced into the art of war? The one essential of modern fortifications is invisibility. In the past the French eastern frontier was defended by a row of powerful fortresses. Their position was known and marked on every map so that the enemy's heavy guns, the positions of which were necessarily undetermined, could hurl shells upon them with the utmost precision. Those fortresses consisted of a belt of forts several miles away from the central town, and between such fortresses there were left gaps, held by trenches and field guns taken from the forts. As to the exact value of forts, the matter is still controversial. At any rate the general idea is that given the great accuracy of modern artillery directed by aerial reconnaissances, a gun probably is safer and more destructive in a well concealed emplacement outside a fort than in a turret in the fort itself, under many feet of reinforced concrete and several inches of armor.

Less Evidence.

"In time of peace the frontier town prepared for the exigencies of modern warfare undoubtedly would show far less evidence of its fortifications than the walled towns of the middle ages. The defences would be in a complicated system of trenches, that probably would demand no less labor and expense to construct and keep up than the most powerful of medieval fortresses. A tourist in some provincial town would turn aside down a little street, and a yard or two beyond the last house he would find that the street had been converted into a ditch. The ditch would deepen rapidly until it was seven or eight feet below the surface. Then it would begin to branch out in all directions. There would be trenches running to the crest of a hill from which a view could be obtained, other trenches running to machine-gun shelters, and still others running to some deep-dug, bomb-proof shelters, probably of concrete, and armored like a dreadnought. It is probable enough that these trenches would be defended by square miles of barbed wire. Along them all there would run telephone wires, linking together every sector, and keeping the observation posts in direct and unbroken communication with the artillery in the rear.

Near Side of Hill.

"Experience has shown that, contrary to the rudes of ancient tactics, it is on the near side of a hill that barbed wire entanglements and trenches are most difficult to carry. The artillery preparation, which is the necessary precursor of an assault, can produce but little effect on the receding slopes of a hill. The crest itself can be swept by the enemy's artillery. Its chief use is for the observation posts that can be established there, each of which is connected with the lines lower down the hill behind by a narrow trench.

"At the present moment the trenches run through the middle of houses, wind about in the middle of flower gardens, and magnificent parks. After the war, no doubt, the private owner will adapt himself to the changed conditions, and may be skillful enough to convert a network of trenches into an artistic part of his domain. At any rate, the end of it all would seem to be that, in addition to the houses above ground, there will be a veritable rabbit warren, a kind of subterranean suburb, below. There will be public bomb-proof shelters, such as have been provided at Arras and Soissons.

Lighting Arrangements.

"After the Zeppelin raids, it would seem that one of the essential problems in the construction of cities, even far behind the lines, would be an arrangement for the immediate extinction of all lights in the public streets. It is hardly likely that in the future, even in time of war, the average citizens will accept the idea of being cast into more or less permanent darkness because of possible air attacks, and municipal councilors will have to find some way of providing that the streets shall be lighted until warning of an aerial raid is given.

"Certainly, if, after the present war, continental nations are to live in imminent prospect of attack from a neighbor," Mr. Allen concludes, "permanently prepared trenches and the like necessary to protect a frontier will be a great burden on the country. Moreover, if invention is going to keep up its present rate of progress, there seems every reason to suppose that all these preparations will be out of date in a year or two, and that, as soon as they are put to the test of war, they will be found to be no more effective than were the fortifications in Belgium, which were built at a cost of many millions, to prevent invasion."

## TWO AMERICANS ON BARQUE SENT DOWN

London, April 4.—Lloyds reports that the British barque Bengairn has been sunk by a submarine. Part of the crew were picked up. It is stated that the vessel was not armed.

The Bengairn sailed from Seattle, Wash., December 10 last for the British Isles. She was a vessel of 2,125 tons.

Seattle, April 4.—There were two Americans in the crew of the British barque Bengairn. The Bengairn sailed from Seattle on December 10 for Queenstown, for orders, with a cargo of wheat valued at $135,000. The vessel was owned by J. & K. Rae, of Liverpool, and was valued at $100,000.

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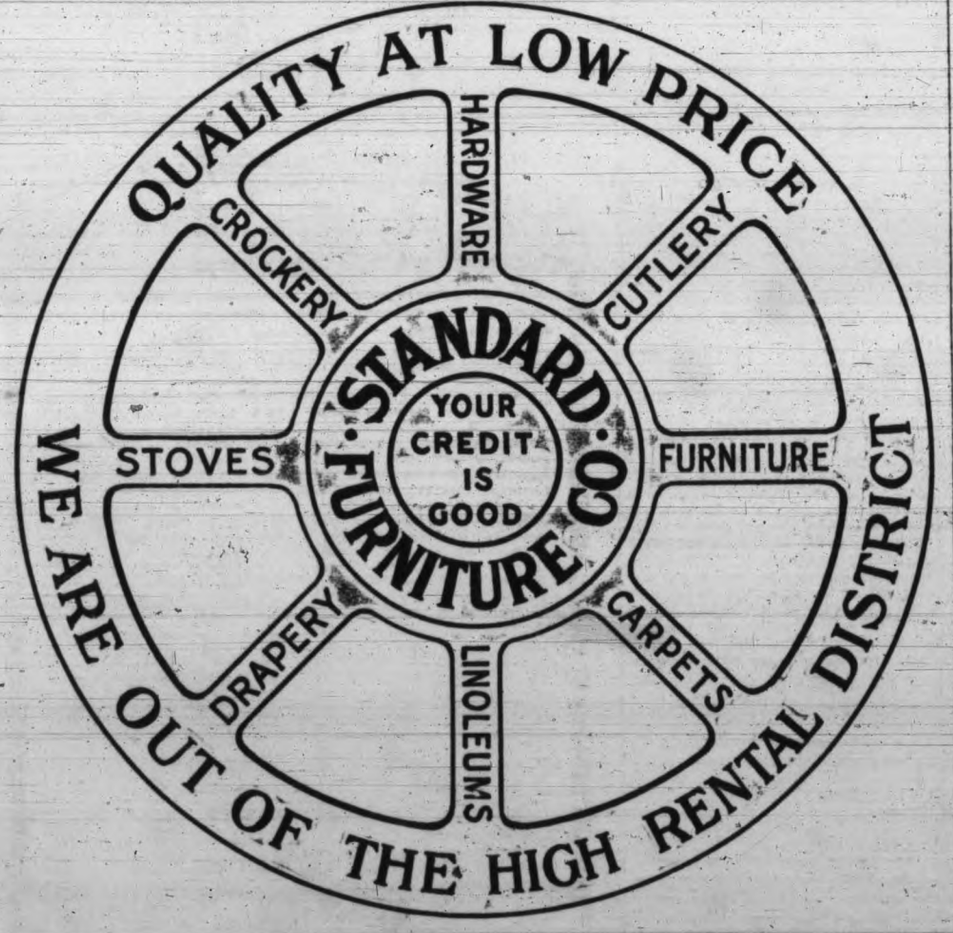


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## VERDUN AND THE GERMAN PLAN

Military observers in London and New York believe that the Germans intended the offensive against Verdun to be the first stage of a greater operation. Seizing the heights of the Meuse, the river crossings and the main railroad serving Verdun from the west, they would have tried to debouch upon the plain of Chalons, cutting off the entire French right wing, isolating it together with Belfort and Toul, and taking in the rear the forces along the Aisne. At the same time a heavy offensive would have been launched by their right wing in Flanders and Northern France, while their armies in the Argonne, Champagne, at Soissons and further west would have been thrown forward. This would have been an adaptation of Plan Two with which they began the war, with the substitution of the campaign against Verdun for the offensive against Nancy. In that operation, it will be remembered, their right wing swept through Belgium in a great enveloping movement, while a furious attempt was made to capture Nancy and isolate the Toul-Verdun line and the heights of the Meuse from the south. Great numerical superiority and a vast preponderance of artillery enabled von Kluck to make a spectacular advance through Belgium, but de Castelnau fought the prize corps of the German army to a standstill on the Grand Couronne of Nancy, where the Kaiser, and members of his family and a brilliant staff, stood waiting for the long-anticipated moment to make a triumphal entry into the capital of French Lorraine. Six weeks ago the German emperor, his heir and their staffs, stood ready to enter Verdun with true Hohenzollern pomp, and it was the same de Castelnau who, by ordering a great counter-attack between Douaumont and Vaux, knocked that cup from the imperial lips.

Time was the essence of Plan Two in 1914. As the German Chancellor then said, the programme could not be carried out if France were given an opportunity to mobilize her reserves of men and artillery. That is why Germany violated the neutrality of Belgium. Time, however, was much more the essence of Plan Two, modified, which was opened with the recent attack upon Verdun. The Germans know, as the allies know, that any great concerted military movement to be successful must gain decisive headway within the first week for a certainty, and probably within the first five days. The military correspondent of the London Times says the enemy expected to have Verdun in four days. That is why he attacked from the northeast and east, the most difficult angle from which Verdun could have been approached, instead of attempting to force his way southward west of the river in an effort to isolate and surround the position. He was in a great hurry. He had to be to ensure any prospect of success. And he had to hurl his troops forward without regard to losses. He fired 4,000,000 shells in a week. France, which had suddenly become the "chief enemy," according to the parrot Berlin press, had to be beaten once and for all. The German people had been promised peace by April 15 when the government wrung its recent loan from them and introduced its taxation proposals. Thus five days for Verdun, a twenty-one day campaign against the broken, demoralized enemy along the remainder of the front, a fortnight's negotiations, and a victorious peace!

Only extreme desperation could have moved the Germans to attempt to accomplish now what they failed to accomplish in 1914, when they had all the advantages. If they have any superiority at all to-day it is in very heavy artillery, although this is open to question. In all other respects they are equalled or surpassed by their adversaries. They probably reckoned on a successful application of the massed artillery and infantry tactics which had won against the Russians in Galicia; but, appreciating the readiness of the French, their enormous reserves of artillery and munitions, their strength in numbers and the excellence of their communications, they had prepared for a concentrated onslaught on a much more furious scale. But when they were hurled back at Douaumont the prospects of their main programme went sailing away. It is more than six weeks since they began their Verdun offensive. Whether they will make an ambitious effort at some other point or still attempt a general battle in the west remains to be seen. When the battle of Verdun began they had 118 divisions in the west, thirty of which are in the region of the present fighting, thirty-four in Flanders and Northern France and the remainder distributed between them. This explains why Joffre has refrained from ordering any counter-stroke elsewhere along the front. The allied forces there are being kept in readiness either for an extension of the German offensive or for the great French and British advance. It should be remembered that Germany has 88 divisions, or nearly 2,000,000 men, on the west front who are not engaged.

In the Verdun fighting the enemy is trying to outflank the French positions west of the Meuse by advancing south from Malancourt. His objective is the Verdun-Chalons railroad, the capture of which would deprive the French on the heights of their principal line of communication. He has made some progress between Malancourt and Haucourt, which is nine miles northwest of Verdun, and has paid for it German fashion. At the same time he has not abandoned his first love, an advance between Douaumont and Vaux, in proof of which he has made a number of fierce attacks during the last few days, occupying what was left of the village of Vaux, which has changed hands twice, and the Caillette forest, from which, however, he has been almost entirely ejected by a counter-attack. At Douaumont he is less than four miles from Verdun; at Malancourt he is nine miles from his goal. These are the two ends of his present line of attack, and although he continues to nibble the French positions here and there, the process is costly out of all proportion to material results achieved and absolutely and grotesquely futile in their relation to the main German programme. At that rate a German general offensive all along the western front never could get started. It is quite probable that the allies will strike first—while the Huns are still diligently scattering the bodies of their soldiers in thousands on the slopes of the hills which guard the Verdun bastion.

## OUR LONDON RAJAH.

In voting against the provision of $15,000 for Sir Richard McBride's salary as Agent-General in London the opposition members unquestionably have the support of every taxpayer in the province not entirely bereft of reason. This allowance, as we have shown on numerous occasions, is out of all proportion to the importance of the office; it is twice as large as the salary received by the Agent-General for New South Wales, five times as large as the salary of the Agent-General for Ontario, the leading province of the Dominion. It is $5,000 more than the provision made for the Canadian High Commissioner, and $3,000 more than the salary paid to Sir Robert Borden, Prime Minister of Canada. It is larger than the remuneration given to Sir John Jellicoe, commander-in-chief of the British navy, and, as one eminent Russian journalist described him, by virtue of his position "the mightiest man in the world." And this is paid by a government which has achieved five consecutive deficits and has just voted a sixth, which alone exceeds $5,000,000; which has increased the provincial debt by $18,000,000 in four years and which this year will be compelled to borrow probably $15,000,000 more!

The official excuse for giving Sir Richard McBride more than Mr. Turner received is that the new Agent-General will have to pay his income tax out of his salary. That, however, is not the real reason for this extraordinary vote, as Mr. Bowser knows. The taxpayers must pay this enormous salary to the man who is largely responsible for the unfortunate condition this province is in to-day, because it was stipulated in the McBride-Bowser bond; because it is the price of Mr. Bowser's translation to power. Those two men put their heads together, appointed themselves to the positions to which they aspired, settled the details of salaries, pensions, etc., and bound the people to pay the bill. The duty of the legislature of course was merely to record its approval of this subterranean arrangement. How well they knew the government following! Perhaps under the circumstances we ought to be grateful that they did not fix Sir Richard's salary at $50,000. We note that Chapter Two of the famous Bowser-McBride treaty also came along late last night. This was the special legislation providing a bonus of $5,000 for Mr. Turner, an annuity of $6,000 for the same gentleman and an allowance of $2,500 per annum for Mrs. Turner if she survived her husband. Altogether this province of 400,000 people is going to have a fine fling in good Old London Town. It is going to show the Right Hon. Reginald McKenna a thing or two about war-time finance that was never dreamed of in his philosophy.

## OUR LONDON PALACE.

Besides salaries and maintenance of the Agent-General's office in London the legislature also voted $175,000 for the new British Columbia building. On this structure the province already has expended $199,000, but nobody seemed to know much about the matter yesterday. In fact for all the information Mr. Bowser was able to give the opposition members he might have been discussing the business of some other province. This seems to have been Sir Richard's own affair—open to the public only in the sense that the taxpayers have to pay. We recall that some years ago the legislature voted the sum of $250,000 for the purchase of a site and that from time to time it obediently provided sums for construction, but it obtained no information as to details and terms of contract. How dared anyone cross-question Sir Richard McBride as to how he was spending the public funds!

The opposition members, however, have now elicited the following additional information: The building will cost $370,000. The contractor will carry about $290,000 in the form of a loan for thirty years, for which the province must pay 7½ per cent. interest. This includes sinking fund. The contractors have made a capital arrangement for themselves, as shrewd financiers always do when dealing with the province of British Columbia. The $290,000 at 7½ per cent. will be swollen into $652,500 at the end of thirty years, assuming that the rate includes sinking fund. If we add the cost of the site to the ultimate figure, we find that our investment will be upwards of a million dollars. Including interest on the building and site, the $35,000 allowance to Sir Richard and his office assistance, the $6,000 a year we shall have to pay to Mr. Turner and frills generally, this province will have to find something like $100,000 per annum for its London luxury. We strongly urge that the first instructions to be sent to London should be for Sir Richard McBride to scour the great metropolis for tenants for the new building and relieve the defenceless taxpayers of this province of a large part of the burden.

## SOUND ECONOMICS!

Says our morning contemporary:

"The local Liberal paper wants to know if Mr. Bowser and his colleagues would use their private money and credit as they are using those of the province. We think they would if their necessary expenses were greater than their incomes. It is no new thing under the sun that, when people are short of cash but have good credit, they borrow money to meet necessary outlays."

When it becomes the habit of an individual to live beyond his income he always winds up in the bankruptcy court. He cannot keep on borrowing, in fact he reaches the end of his credit in a very short time. The same fundamental, unescapable law governs the financial operations of a country. Is our contemporary absurd enough to believe that British Columbia can escape bankruptcy and continue to spend two dollars for every dollar it receives? If it is it ought to consult an alienist.

The maintenance of the dignity of knighthood is going to cost British Columbia a considerable sum. First we had to provide Sir Richard with a castle in London in consonance with his position in the noble order, then we had to bribe the mere commoner his predecessor to retire upon a bonus of five thousand dollars and a stipend of six thousand a year, and finally we are forced to agree to tax ourselves to the extent of fifteen thousand annually in order that our knightly representative shall not bring dishonor upon his order by reason of straitened circumstances. In defence of this outrageous extravagance our representative, Mr. Thomson, says the people do not appreciate the position of British Columbia, arguing, we suppose, that everybody in the province ought to esteem it a privilege to be permitted to put their hands in their pockets and cast their money at the feet of Sir Richard. Besides, it is to the knightly agent-general we are indebted for Mr. Bowser as premier. From whatever angle the transaction may be regarded, high honors have been showered upon us!

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The "heaven-sent task" of kultur is thus outlined by the Hamburg Nachrichten: For the hundredth time we Germans tell Sasonoff and Asquith that we are fighting for our existence, and that, therefore, we shall make use of every weapon we may find available, be it on or under the water, on land or in the air. Germany's decision is not dependent on Washington negotiations. Lansing's pronouncement, Jagow's retort, or the Anglo-American cabal against Bemstorff have nothing whatever to do with the plans of the German fleet leaders. Our U boats are legitimate weapons. Hence no decisions that render their employment impossible and endanger their existence will receive a moment's consideration, no matter from what quarter they emanate. Thus the sea will soon once more be made the scene of deeds which will dispel the English dream of the destruction of Prussiandom, and cause such neutrals as are now trembling on the brink of intervention in the struggle to scurry terror-stricken homeward into the shelter of non-interference with the execution of our heaven-sent task of punishing rascally Britain.

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An action for libel has been entered against a lecturer in the State of Washington for stating that George Washington, the "Father of His Country," kept slaves, used profanity and strong drink. It will be hard for the defendant to prove his statements by eye-witness testimony, although, according to Uncle Sam's pension list, it should not be impossible. But even if he cannot find anybody who was intimate enough with George to help his case he can dig up enough evidence in the archives at Washington to show that the great man after whom the capital was named kept slaves, swore on occasion and also on occasion took a snifter. Nobody could be as good as George looked in his pictures, and if he were as immaculate as the popular legend depicted him, he never would have been the father of his country or of anything else. He would have died of shock as soon as he entered the army.

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We observe that the E. B. Cadwell who is named in the Kyte charges at Ottawa as the president of one of the mushroom fuse companies with which Honorary Colonel John Wesley Allison, of tin-plate fame, was connected, is also the managing director of the Puget Sound Lumber Company, now in liquidation. That was the company which, according to our morning contemporary (at election time), was going to build ships on a fifty per cent. guarantee of bonds by the province. If the Kyte charges are true Mr. Cadwell has made enough easy money not only to build ships without a guarantee but to improve very materially the relations between the company and its creditors.

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Our contemporary says that the only issue between itself and John Oliver over the question of payments on lieutenant-governor's warrants is one of fact. True, and the fact as admitted by the auditor-general is that $300,000 were paid under warrant for the purchase of the Kitsilano reserve ($80,000 of which went to middlemen), the payment was not reported at the next session of the House as required by law, and a false entry was made in the Public Accounts representing the transaction as having legislative authority. A similar "oversight" occurred in connection with the $75,000 paid for the site for a court house in Victoria which was not erected.

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Mr. Watson, the member for Vancouver, predicts a revenue of $20,000,000 in British Columbia before long. The revenue is now $5,900,000. We presume this means that our taxes are to be quadrupled. But even then the government could not extract $20,000,000 from us. Undoubtedly, however, it would have a fine collection of real estate, streets, buildings, parks, automobiles, shops, etc., etc., on its hands. And everybody, with the exception of its original inhabitants and the ministry, would have left the country.

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On the night of March 27, 1912, Mr. Bowser, addressing a public meeting in the Victoria Theatre, said: "In the case of the Pacific Great Eastern the personal covenant of Foley, Welch & Stewart, all multi-millionaires, indemnifying the province should it have to make a payment of interest." On January 15, 1916, the government paid the interest bill of $316,000 which the multi-millionaires" with whom it had a "personal covenant" had defaulted.

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What steps is the government taking to protect our London palace against Zeppelin attacks? Should we not organize a fleet of air-craft, consisting of, say, forty or fifty of the latest and most expensive machines made and manned by the most highly-paid aviators in the business, to safeguard our million-dollar "investment"? Why not? We can borrow the money.

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After all progress is being made in the "pour parlers" between the United States and Germany. Wilson says he will ask for no more "disavowals." Probably found out that Germany's word is as good, or as bad, as her bond, neither being of any more value than "scraps of paper."

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For a man with one leg Villa seems to be "going some." He is reported to have hopped beyond reach of the American forces.


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## "COMPENSATION."

To the Editor:—A few evenings ago a letter under the above caption appeared in your paper. In the opening paragraph of this letter it was stated that many citizens were unable to "dispute the claim of the victims of the liquor traffic for restitution." If your correspondent was arguing in favor of restitution to be made by all the citizens of British Columbia to the victims, as a confession of undeniable responsibility for ever having tolerated the liquor traffic, there would be a great deal to be said in favor of such a movement, because amongst other things we are guilty as a great community for the disgracefully lax and unfaithful administration of the laws governing the trade. But if your correspondent, like a few others, means restitution by the liquor trade, the contention, in my opinion, is unworthy of serious consideration.

The three following paragraphs in the letter contain the regular stereotyped arguments of those who are opposed to compensation, some of which have been already answered in the press and others proved to be inaccurate and admittedly open to question and disagreement. Your correspondent must be respected at least for the sincerity of her views and she should have the right of supporting them by her vote. Those who disagree with her merely claim the same privilege.

The reference made to the salmon canning industry does not give an iota of strength to her contention. If this industry was founded, fostered, controlled and governed under circumstances paralleling those applying to the liquor traffic, and the people decided to use their power to stop the industry, there would undoubtedly be grounds for just and reasonable compensation.

I find it rather difficult to reconcile the statement contained in the closing paragraph, to the effect that at a "superficial glance" there appears some grounds for compensation, with the rather overstrong statement in the opening paragraph, in which this is by inference not only denied but the very opposite claimed to be true.

It cannot, however, be denied that there are owners of brewery stock in this province, and other resident and non-resident investors in various branches of the liquor business, whose investments and property are as much entitled to the protection of law as those of citizens engaged in other enterprises, and if we decide by common action and consent to depreciate the value of their holdings, it does not require a prolonged study to arrive at the conclusion that we have inflicted a grievous loss and injury on them.

For these reasons, sir, I submit, with all deference to the opinion of those who differ from me, that a referendum on prohibition, with the principle of compensation arbitrarily excluded, will be a libel on Christianity and a misrepresentation of its fundamental principles and teachings. This side of the question might reasonably engage the serious attention and "closer study" of all unbiassed minds.

W. T. A.

## LORD CHELMSFORD HAS ARRIVED AT BOMBAY

London, April 4.—The arrival at Bombay of Baron Chelmsford, who in January was appointed viceroy of India in succession to Baron Hardinge, is related in a Reuter dispatch from Bombay. Baron Chelmsford was received by the ruling chiefs and the naval, military and civil authorities.

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## STREET RAILWAY MEN AND WEEKLY HOLIDAY

### Deputation Representing the Workmen Met Premier Yesterday

Some time ago a deputation representing workmen of the B. C. Electric railway waited on the government asking for legislation guaranteeing them one day off work in every seven. The question was discussed with all the parties concerned. The attitude of the company was that possibly the men wished to be in a position of taking advantage of this legislation when they came to make a new wage agreement late in the year. The men, on the other hand, suggested that the company might seek to take advantage of the change.

A second conference was held yesterday when Mr. Hoover, business manager of the Vancouver union; Mr. Cottrell, the president; Mr. Rae, inspector of tramways, and the president of the Victoria union, all interviewed the premier. Following their discussion, Hon. Mr. Bowser made an announcement of what position the government was prepared to take.

He said that the government had come to the conclusion that the men, who number about 1,300 in the three cities, were entitled to one day in seven, or at least one day in eight, which some of the men suggested would satisfy them for the present. The government preferred not to bring down any drastic legislation on the subject, especially as the company had now agreed to bring forward a new schedule which would provide for one day in seven or eight. The government would, however, bring in an amendment to the Railway Act giving the lieutenant governor in council power to provide for such a regulation, but there was no intention to enforce it against the company if the latter carried out the compromise now arranged which is satisfactory to the men and which the company agrees to voluntarily put into effect.


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## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, April 4, 1891.

It is officially announced that the Hon. Joseph Martin has resigned the attorney-generalship of Manitoba. He still remains a private member in the House. Mr. Martin announces that his private business requires his undivided attention.

Gen. Booth, head of the Salvation Army, is expected to visit Victoria en route to Australia, on a world tour.

Alex. Watson, late of the firm of Clark & Watson, ship builders, will leave for Cowichan Lake to-morrow morning. He is going to build the new steamer for Mr. McIntyre, which is to run on the lake. The material will be shipped on Monday.


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**Marigold Meeting Postponed.**—Ward Four, Liberal Association of Saanich has postponed the meeting which was to have been held at Marigold this evening until Wednesday, April 12.

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**Chain Tea.**—Mrs. Cornish, 175 Olive street, invites all members of Lodge Princess Alexandra, Daughters of England to a chain tea, to be held at her residence on Thursday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock.

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**Island Arts and Crafts Club.**—A general meeting of the Islands Arts and Crafts Club will be held at the Alexandra Club on Thursday at 8.30 p. m. A paper by Mrs. Hasell will be read on "Art and the War."

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**Fortnightly Whist Drive.** — The Fortnightly Whist Drive of the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society will be held to-morrow night at the home of Mrs. Macdonald, 2519 Government street. Everyone will be welcomed. Good prizes will be given, and refreshments will be served.

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**Social Evening.**—The Ladies' Aid of Centennial Methodist church will hold a social evening at the residence of Mrs. W. N. Mitchell, 242 Gorge road, on Wednesday evening, April 5, commencing at 8 o'clock. Refreshments will be served and music and games will provide ample entertainment.

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**Prisoners of War Fund.**—A grand organ recital will be given in St. John's church on Thursday evening, April 13, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the Prisoners of War fund. A programme of exceptional merit is to be given, and G. Jennings Burnett will be assisted by Mrs. J. R. Green and Mrs. Robert Baird.

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**Canadian Bible Society.**—The annual meeting of the Victoria Branch of the Canadian Bible Society will take place on Tuesday evening, April 11, in the lecture hall of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Addresses will be delivered by the Rev. C. A. Sykes, B. D., Rev. A. de B. Owen, and the district secretary, Ben. J. Knox Wright. The meeting will commence at 8 o'clock.

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**To Speak on Prohibition.**—Dr. Jessie B. Conway, of Los Angeles, lectured yesterday afternoon to a big audience at the Old Victoria theatre. On Saturday Dr. Conway will speak on Prohibition, her lecture to commence, as usual, at 2.30, doors opening half an hour earlier. The theatre was pre-engaged for to-day, and Dr. Conway will, consequently, deliver the lecture announced for this afternoon to-morrow instead.

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**Band Concert for V. A. D.**—By courtesy of Lt.-Col. Rous Cullin, O. C., the band of the 88th Battalion will give a concert next Sunday evening at Pantages theatre in aid of the Voluntary Aid Detachment, of which Mrs. Charles Wilson is the commandant. The band has been fortunate in securing the services of the following distinguished artists for the evening: Mrs. J. R. Green, Mrs. Macdonald Fahey, Mrs. R. H. Pooley and Mr. Olivier. The members of the Voluntary Aid Detachment will be present in uniform to take the collection.

### AMERICAN LEGION

**Four Battalions of American Born in Canada Being Recruited for Overseas Service.**

The American Legion, being raised in Canada for overseas service will recruit four battalions, one of them in British Columbia. A recruiting office has been started on Government street for this organization.

The legion originated with Major Chaplain C. Seymour Bullock, pastor of the Church of Our Father, Ottawa. He made out a list of American born men in Canada whom he knew and the following day sent them his proposal. It was received spontaneously, put before the minister of militia within a few days and authorized to the extent of four battalions—about five thousand men. One battalion already has been enlisted.

Lieut.-Col. W. L. Jolly has command of the 97th, the recruited battalion, and Major Bullock, the chaplain, has charge of recruiting in the west. Enlistment is for the period of the war, and for six months additional, and the pay is more than two and one-half times the pay of an enlisted man in the regular United States army.

### MAJOR BAPTY IMPROVING.

Dr. Doherty (formerly in charge of New Westminster Asylum) now on staff in London of Maj.-Gen. Jones, chief Canadian medical officer, has cabled to Mrs. Bapty that he had the following message from No. 7 Stationary hospital, Boulogne, yesterday: "Major Walter Bapty's condition and progress favorable."

### VICTORIA PLATOON.

Application forms for enlistment in the Victoria platoon of the B. C. company, Western Universities Battalion, which is now recruiting in Vancouver, may be obtained at the Times and Colonist offices. The battalion is open, not only to university graduates and undergraduates, but to law students, matriculants, old high school boys, etc. A large number of applications already have gone forward from Victoria.

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**Island Arts Club.**—There will be a general meeting of the Island Arts and Crafts Club on Thursday, April 6, at the Alexandra Club. The feature of the evening will be a paper by Mrs. Hasell on "Art and the War." The meeting will commence at 8.30.

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## AMATEUR VAUDEVILLE DRAWS BIG AUDIENCE

### First of Red Cross Nights at Royal Victoria Theatre Held Yesterday

The series of Monday night Red Cross vaudeville entertainments at the Royal Victoria theatre was inaugurated last night under the most favorable auspices, a big audience being present, and a programme of the most attractive character being given supplementary to the excellent films presented by the theatre management.

The entertainment was arranged by the Esquimalt sub-committee of the Victoria and District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, the entertainers being as follows:

Song, Mrs. R. H. Pooley; song, Miss Nellie Lugrin (violin obligato by Mrs. F. W. L. Moore); sailers' song and chorus in costume, Mrs. D. McConnan, Mrs. Briggs, Miss Simpson, Miss Tolmie, Miss Whelan, Miss Kerne, Miss B. Smith, Miss M. Smith, Miss Eng and Miss Bass; dance, Miss Alma Bray and Miss Helen Macdonald; vaudeville number, Victor Dyer (formerly of the Follies); Spanish dance in costume; Pte. Henry, of the Bantams, harmonica selection; Able Seaman de Andross, song.

Each item was an artistic success, and set an excellent precedent for the remainder of the series. The next concert, on Monday, April 10, will be under the auspices of the Oak Bay sub-committee of the Red Cross, the following week, to be under the direction of the Cloverdale sub-committee.

Through the kindness of the theatre management thirty per cent. of the gross receipts of each Monday night's entertainment will be given to the Red Cross Society, and provided the public maintains its patronage of undertakings in the same spirit as last evening the funds of the organization should benefit very materially within the months that follow. Last evening the band of the 5th Regiment, C. G. A., under Bandmaster Smith, paraded the city streets with a banner announcing the entertainment, this drawing quite a crowd in itself.


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## AT THE THEATRES

### DOMINION THEATRE.

In "The Cheat," the second Lasky production in which Fanny Ward is to star and which is being shown at the Dominion, a large garden fete is given to raise funds for the Belgium war sufferers. The famous Busch gardens in Pasadena, California, were selected for the location of the scene. Booths were erected and all the paraphernalia for a typical charity bazaar was shown. Some enterprising citizen telephoned the Pasadena police force that gambling was going on in the gardens and the police descended en masse. Arrests were about to be made when the police, much to their chagrin and disappointment, discovered the motion picture camera in the background.

### "GREEN STOCKINGS."

The attraction at the Royal Victoria again to-night and to-morrow will be Lillian Walker in the five-act English comedy, "Green Stockings." The point of the story is that the eldest daughter in a family, if she is still a spinster, shall wear green stockings at the wedding of a younger sister. Lillian Walker as Celia, the elder sister, does not take kindly to the idea, and invents a husband. From this time on the comedy situations are capital and of the kind most acceptable to audiences which appreciate clever intelligent humor. Each evening a pair of lady's green silk stockings are given away to the patron who buys the admission ticket marked "Green Stockings." All that is required of the patron who gets this ticket is to pass it back to the box office, when an order on Gordon's, Ltd., Yates street, will be given for the article mentioned.

### COLUMBIA THEATRE.

Young Hackenschmidt and Company, in a exhibition of wrestling in which the most famous holds are demonstrated, is the headling attraction at the Columbia for the first half of the week. Young Hackenschmidt, who is a brother of George Hackenschmidt the "Russian Lion," is an adept in the art of wrestling, and issues each performance from the stage an open challenge to anyone of his own weight. The act is a very interesting one and should appeal to the athletic fraternity of the city.

Troxell and Winchell present a neat singing and hard shoe dancing act interspersed with some bright dialogue.

Herberta and Denzel offer an acrobatic and contortion act with some clever comedy work. The boys worked well and deserved the generous applause accorded them at last night's performance with a number of vocal selections rendered in a very pleasing manner. Charlie Chaplin in "His Prehistoric Past" is featured on the picture part of the programme.

## GETS BIG OVATION

### Miss Rosie Lloyd, at Pantages This Week, Takes House by Storm.

Hope deferred, says a modern adage, makes the mouth water. It was maybe some such reason which prompted the management of Pantages theatre last evening to change the order of the alphabet so that "E." Miss Rosie Lloyd's turn, came after "G." Everyone, therefore, was wound up to a high state of expectation when the lady finally actually tripped out of the wings, and a ripple of applause was only cut short by a desire not to miss a single one of the witticisms which it was known were forthcoming. Comparisons are unfair when they are detractive. But when her critics accept this third of the three gifted Lloyd sisters with tumultuous applause which might only be rivalled by the wonderful Marie herself any mere onlooker is justified in beginning analysis of a searching character to find wherein she resembles the rest of the family. She is attractive, knows how to dress, how to move about the stage. But more than these—which are after all only the beginnings of success—she has devastating confidence, personality, finished artistry, absolute assurance to carry through in all its daring the business of her turn. And her voice and a humorous gift for facial distortion help her out amazingly. She had not been seen here before, and even the great reputation of her two sisters was insufficient to stand between herself and her wildly appreciative audience.

The bill has quite a succession of interesting features this week. There is Harry Tsuda, a nifty little Japanese gentleman, as dapper as they make 'em, who winds up a very interesting performance of a gymnastic character with a breathless balancing act. Two chairs, balanced a top but kept from falling off a big china ball by some infinite sensitiveness to the line of specific gravity, were the foundation of the act, the little Japanese grasping the back of the topmost chair, slowly lifting his feet into the air and then as smoothly and precisely picking a handkerchief from between the rungs with his teeth.

Another breathless act was that furnished by Miss Munson, a lady who makes unbelievably quick changes from one character to another in a little scene which is supposed to transpire in the flat of Hattie Amber, an actress. There were seven characters in all, and several made frequent exits and entrances during the lightning act. The mere transference of clothes, which took place often so quickly that the curtain had barely fallen over an exit, was sufficiently marvellous, but coupled with this Miss Munson assumed and discarded the characters which she impersonated with equal completeness.

"Volant and his flying piano" is a unique act. A very nice illusion is maintained in this act, which is quite a mystifying affair. Pealson and Goldie had a grand operatic pot-pourri satire and some funny stories, and a lot of colored comedians filled in a cyclonic five minutes with dances and ditties.


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## THREE SPEAKERS.

### Lieut.-Col. Kirkpatrick, J. C. Pendray, and T. E. Clark Are to Address Rotary Club on Thursday.

Lieut.-Col. G. H. Kirkpatrick, officer commanding the 11th Battalion, C. M. R., is to address the Rotary Club on Thursday at luncheon on recruiting. He will be one of three speakers who will make short addresses at the hundred and twenty-first meeting of the club.

The other speakers for Thursday will be J. C. Penoray and T. E. Clark who will speak briefly on shipbuilding. Mr. Pendray is well known in connection with his interest in many public matters, and T. E. Clark has studied the shipbuilding proposals for B. C. extensively.

There are two members for election. The Rotary Club has been progressing during the last few weeks. A very successful membership campaign has been carried on and fifteen members have been added recently. The plan is to make it the largest club in Canada.

Officer (to Tommy who has been using the whip freely)—"Don't beat him; talk to him, man—talk to him." Tommy (to horse, by way of opening the conversation)—"I coom from Manchester."—Punch.

## PRESBYTERIAN W.M.S. MEETING TWO DAYS

### First Sessions to Be Held To-morrow Morning; Evening Meetings Being Convened

The second annual meeting of the British Columbia provincial branch of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is to be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The programme will commence at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning with a devotional service to be led by Miss MacGregor, field secretary for the western division. The business of the forenoon will include the election of officers.

There will be three sessions daily, morning, afternoon and evening. The evening sessions on both days will be at the First Presbyterian church, in conjunction with the Presbyterian Synod, which is to meet there on three days this week. The morning and afternoon sessions will be at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church.

The presidential address will be read to-morrow afternoon by Mrs. A. Lamb, who holds the first office in the society. Other particularly interesting features of the day will be the report of the treasurer, Mrs. J. W. McIntosh, to be read in the morning immediately after the report of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. M. Centre. Departmental reports, resolutions, and discussion will fill up the main part of the afternoon after the presidential address.

On Thursday morning the report of the delegates to the General Council, 1915, will be read, and the feature of the afternoon will be the address by Mrs. Ledingham, of Central India.

The Y. W. C. A. is giving a convention luncheon to the delegates on Thursday.

The following are the present officers of the society:

Honorary president, Mrs. Thomas Scoular, Vancouver; president, Mrs. A. Lamb, New Westminster; first vice-president, Mrs. A. A. MacKinnon, Cranbrook; second vice-president, Mrs. Robert Inglis, Armstrong; third vice-president, Mrs. John Gibson Inkster, Victoria; recording secretary, Mrs. John McKee, Ladner; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. M. Centre, Vancouver; mission band secretary, Mrs. E. S. Logie; treasurer, Mrs. J. W. McIntosh, Vancouver; literary secretary, Mrs. W. B. Thornton, Vancouver; supply secretary, Mrs. J. L. Miller, Clayburn; press secretary, Mrs. J. S. Gordon, Vancouver; strangers' secretary, Mrs. H. Pillar, Vancouver; home helpers, Mrs. E. M. Smith, Victoria.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

E. Knox, of Toronto, is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

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Geo. E. Welsh, of Long Beach, Cal., is at the Dominion.

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M. F. Crawford, of Kamloops, is staying at the Dominion.

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Miss S. E. Munroe, of Vancouver, is at the Dominion hotel.

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C. J. Palmer, of Prince Rupert, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

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H. Culverwell, of New York, is registered at the Empress hotel.

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W. B. McFarlane, of Cranbrook, is staying at the Empress hotel.

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Dr. M. G. Archibald is staying at the Empress hotel, from Kamloops.

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T. L. Bloomer, of Nelson, registered at the Dominion hotel yesterday.

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Mrs. E. Thomas and family, of Fernie, are at the Dominion hotel.

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Misses J. and A. Wilson, of Vancouver, are guests of the Dominion hotel.

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Mrs. Jack Yorston and family, and Miss Gertrude Robertson, of the Australian ranch, Cariboo, who have been visiting friends in the city, left this morning for a month's visit with Major and Mrs. Hickey, Parksville.

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D. W. Higginis, British vice-consul at Port Angeles, is in the city to-day.

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W. M. Morrison and Mrs. Morrison, of Everett, are at the Dominion hotel.

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N. S. Lougheed, of Haney, is a guest at the Empress hotel, arriving yesterday.

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J. E. Harrington and family, of Oakland, Cal., are guests of the Dominion hotel.

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Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Montgomery registered at the Empress hotel yesterday from Comox.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Drummond arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday from Seattle.

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Frank Ed Henson and Mrs. Henson, of San Francisco, are guests of the Dominion hotel.

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Robt. Milliken and G. H. Marr, of Regina, were among yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion.

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W. H. Knowles, Eric Wickham, Joe Peterson and E. E. Sheils came down from Banfield yesterday and are now staying at the Dominion hotel.

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Mrs. Henniker, wife of Lt.-Col. Henniker, O. C. of the 103rd Battalion, will be "at home" on the first and second Friday of April at 112 Cambridge St.

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Vancouver arrivals at the Empress hotel yesterday included Fred A. Richardson, W. K. Leckie, A. Brodstedt, M. N. Kelley, J. G. Brown and E. W. Hamber.


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## WEATHER BULLETIN.

### Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, April 4.—5 a. m.—The barometer has fallen over the interior and strong westerly winds have prevailed. Rain is falling on the Lower Mainland and Vancouver reports a thunderstorm. Moderately cold weather is general in the prairie provinces.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday.

Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong westerly winds and southerly winds, partly cloudy and mild, with showers.

Lower Mainland—Southerly and westerly winds, mostly cloudy and mild, with rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.96; temperature, maximum yesterday, 55; minimum, 44; wind, 24 miles S. W.; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, maximum yesterday, 56; minimum, 42; wind, 6 miles W.; rain, .18; weather, rain.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.78; temperature, maximum yesterday, 60; minimum, 42; wind, 4 miles S.; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 28; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 34; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Tatoosh—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, minimum yesterday, 44; wind, 20 miles W.; rain, .02; weather, cloudy.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, maximum yesterday, 68; minimum, 46; wind, 4 miles S. W.; weather, cloudy.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, maximum yesterday, 64; minimum, 44; wind, 14 miles S.; rain, .02; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.96; temperature, maximum yesterday, 62; minimum, 52; wind, 4 miles N. W.; weather, clear.

Temperature.

| | Max. | Min. |
|---|---|---|
| Entrance | 54 | .. |
| Cranbrook | 60 | .. |
| Penticton | 57 | .. |
| Nelson | 62 | .. |
| Prince George | 50 | .. |
| Calgary | 48 | 30 |
| Edmonton | 42 | 16 |
| Qu'Appelle | 50 | 6 |
| Winnipeg | 36 | 14 |
| Toronto | 40 | .. |
| Ottawa | 32 | .. |
| Montreal | 34 | .. |
| St. John | 40 | .. |
| Halifax | 46 | .. |

Victoria Daily Weather.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Monday:

Temperature.

| | |
|---|---|
| Highest | 55 |
| Lowest | 43 |
| Average | 49 |
| Minimum on grass | 36 |
| Maximum in sun | 59 |

Bright sunshine, 1 hour 18 minutes.

General state of weather, cloudy.

Scene from "Secret Love" in which the noted dramatic star, Helen Ware, is appearing at Variety Theatre, to-night and Wednesday.

## Economy.

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# PROPOSE CHANGE IN CIVIC SHIFT SYSTEM

## Men to Be Encouraged by Giving Extra Week's Work in Month

For the next meeting of the streets committee, the city council last evening ordered a statement to be prepared to show if it is not possible to alter the two weeks' alternating scheme on street sweeping. The proposal, as outlined by Alderman Fullerton, will take advantage of the removal of men to Saskatchewan, and of numerous enlistments, in order to introduce a system of "three weeks on, and one week off." In this way the men will have a better opportunity of making a living.

The acting superintendent of the labor bureau will be asked to attend at the meeting, at which a further report on the matter will be received.

Very little additional information was forthcoming in the city clerk's answer to a number of questions concerning a motion seeking information from Capt. Worswick. The letter came in response to a resolution moved at the last meeting by Alderman Todd, calling for an explanation under what circumstances the letter was sent out to Capt. Worswick without consultation with other officials.

The council has adopted a draft for a joint assessor's and collector's roll to be used in 1917. This will consolidate the two existing rolls, which are now kept separately.

# WOULD HAVE PREMIER IMPLEMENT PROMISE

## Council and Apportionment of Cost of Johnson Street Bridge

Without much discussion the city council last evening agreed to terminate the long discussion concerning the Rock Bay bridge, by adopting unanimously the report to build a wood span immediately, and put the remainder in use for traffic.

The only difference of opinion to the harbor committee's report was that it might be desirable to build the shorter bridge from Constance street to Rock Bay avenue, but it was explained that the Puget Sound Lumber Company had a lease of the street end, and complications would ensue which would only lead to further delay in construction. Therefore the work will be carried out on the present site.

The harbor committee also presented a lengthy report on the work done by it during the past three months. This was filed. While most of the items affecting the Johnson street bridge have already been dealt with from time to time, the committee made an estimate with regard to the cost of the bridge which is higher than any hitherto presented. The committee estimated that its cost might be expected to run between $750,000 and $800,000. Figures were given showing how this total was reached. They are: Cost of bridge (plan D), $392,000; two eastern approaches, $75,000; land options, $230,000; to make properly strong for heavy electric railway traffic, $40,000; minor contingencies, $18,000; add for accidents, unforeseen contingencies, unforeseen claims and damages, $45,000. Total, $800,000. As against this amount the following promises of assistance had been received: B. C. government, $200,000; E. & N. Railway Co., $80,000; Canadian Northern Pacific Railway, $25,000. This, it was pointed out, left the city facing an expenditure of between $450,000 and $500,000, besides assuming all the many risks contingent to construction and most of the cost and risk of future maintenance.

The harbor committee further expressed the opinion that a fair share for the city to contribute would be not over the sum of $250,000 or less.

The position taken by the B. C. Electric Railway Company was outlined as follows: "The company absolutely refuses to contribute towards the bridge at present, explaining that their chief reason for so refusing is the loss at which their company is now operating. In reply to the committee's request that they should now agree that when they do use the bridge they will then contribute the sum of $50,000 they say that they will do so upon certain conditions, chief of which is an admission from the city that the company has the right to handle freight traffic on the bridge. This is a privilege which the harbor committee opposes, and believes that it would be a very unwise thing indeed for a consideration such as $50,000 to grant the Electric Company the privilege of hauling freight over the bridge during the life of the structure."

Alderman Bell wanted a rider added to the report asking the premier to ascertain whether the B. C. Electric Railway could be forced to contribute.

The mayor doubted if the legislature could enforce any such suggestion.

Alderman Bell: I am not going to weaken my case by expressing any opinion.

Alderman Todd asked for action to be delayed for a week, to enable a supplementary report to be presented on the position. He had an undertaking from the premier that action would be taken if such power existed.

Alderman Bell pointed out that delay at this stage was unwise, but the majority were satisfied with the undertaking that a subsequent report would be presented.

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**We can hardly hate anyone that we know.—Hazlitt.**

# CITY PROSECUTOR'S REPORT ON BLIND PIG

## Passage of Arms Between Aldermen Todd and Dilworth Enlivens Debate

A report was made by City Prosecutor Harrison to the city council last evening on the investigations he had conducted into the "blind pig" incident on March 4, the day of the by-election in Victoria. The city prosecutor mentioned that a copy of an original document had been produced which was an account, in the name of Henry Price, for the purchase of four gallons of Scotch whisky on the day before the election.

It was also shown that some members of the Western Scots Battalion were so much impressed with Mr. Price's affectionate regard for them that he was presented with a special mounted badge, with his name inscribed thereon.

Mr. Harrison summed up his observations as follows:

"The final result, which I report, is this: That out of the above information there is not sufficient to justify anyone in laying an information, or making a complaint, before the magistrate, against anyone; there being, so far, no proof of an offence having been committed by anyone, either as principal or as an aider, or abettor or counselor (in making this assertion I am not referring either to Slavin, McBride or Copping). In conclusion I would point out that, in order to render an aider, abettor or counselor liable to punishment, it is necessary, after proving their position, to also prove that the aider, abettor or counselor knew that the act of the principal, in which they aided, etc., was unlawful or was being done for an unlawful purpose. It is always on the prosecution to make out its case and not 'up to' the accused to explain until then. Therefore, assuming that the three parties—McBride, Slavin and Copping—had committed an offence it must be clearly shown that they were aided, abetted or counselled knowingly by someone who is sought to be charged as such."

Under the circumstances the council received and filed the report, but not till there had been a passage of arms between Alderman Dilworth and Todd.

Alderman Todd had mentioned that his information pointed to the liquor going through to the Conservative ward committee rooms.

Alderman Dilworth demanded to know from where he got such information.

Alderman Todd said he could back up his statement in court if necessary.

Alderman Dilworth—"I am not one of those who stick my nose into other people's business, like some."

The investigation of the city prosecutor disclosed the following information:

Alderman Todd had produced a document "purporting to be a copy of an original document," which was in the form of a Hudson's Bay Company account dated March 3 and in the name of Henry Price, 1318 Wharf street, city. This indicated that Mr. Price owed $22 for the purchase of four gallons of Scotch whisky. Alderman Todd also had given Mr. Harrison the names of the following as being men who might be able to furnish more particulars: Morton, Maynard, Copping, McBride, Slavin, Gregg, Fry and Powell.

Mr. Morton, who is in charge of the sales department of the Hudson's Bay Company, was willing to give all the information at his command, withholding only documents which, he had stated, could only be produced with the consent of his superiors in Vancouver. Cpl. McBride had told him that Mr. Price had sent him to order the whisky. Mr. Morton had seen Mr. Price and was told that it was all right. Mr. Price, however, had held that it should be two gallons instead of six, but, finally, had agreed to "make it four." Mr. Morton did not know what the liquor was for. He understood that it was to go to the Victoria Cartage Co., but believed that later the direction had been changed. He said that the sale sheet was the same as the copy of the invoice, as given, except that it did not have the words "sent to the Conservative committee room, Yates street."

Next he saw W. H. Price. "Mr. Price emphatically disclaims any liability in connection with the so-called 'blind pig,'" stated Mr. Harrison. "He said he did not know until after the proceedings had commenced against Slavin et al that there was such a place or that any such thing was going on."

Mr. Price had said he knew Cpl. McBride well, having known him ever since he purchased the soda water works from Mr. Kirk. When Mr. Morton called he was very busy. It was a day or two before election. Mr. Morton wanted to know whether Cpl. McBride was good. He said that the latter had ordered six bottles of whisky, as far as he (Mr. Price) remembered. Mr. Price then had asked what Cpl. McBride wanted with six bottles, two being enough for any man. Mr. Morton had repeated that six was the quantity, and Mr. Price had declared that four at the most was sufficient. He assured Mr. Morton that Cpl. McBride was good for it, that he was one of the committee which was asking for contributions for the regiment which was going away. Through him Mr. Price had agreed to assist, and he had made Cpl. McBride the promise to get five hundred cigars, five hundred cigarettes and one case of claret for the battalion. The regiment's appreciation had been expressed by a special mounted badge on which Mr. Price's name was inscribed. He had promised Cpl. McBride a case of claret before he left, but, after the latter had ordered on his own account, he had not done this. He understood that the whisky referred to had been taken by Cpl. McBride to his own home.

License Inspector Gregg had stated that Maynard supplied the beer, according to a statement made to him. Mr. Gregg added that no whisky had been found on the premises in question, but one glass had been seen, which Copping had been reported to have thrown away.

Neither Police Sergt. Fry nor Mr. Roland Powell, former police commissioner, could give direct evidence.

Mr. Maynard declined to make a statement, saying it was none of the council's business to whom he sold liquor.

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"Albert, what did your sister say when you told her I was in the drawing room waiting?" inquired the hopeful young man. "Nothing. But she took a ring off one finger an' put it on another."

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Experience teaches slowly and at the cost of mistakes.—Froude.


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# PANDORA AVE. WORK IS JEOPARDIZED

## Council Delays Proceeding Out of Revenue for Improvement; a Further Report

An attempt to upset the promised contribution from revenue for putting Pandora avenue extension into condition for traffic was delayed in city council last evening by the adoption of an alternative resolution for grading, laying sidewalks, and macadamizing the street as a local improvement. A report on this is to be submitted to streets committee on Friday.

The special committee appointed to make a report on the matter stated that the esimate of $5,000 was insufficient to open the whole thoroughfare to traffic.

Alderman McNeill pointed again to the responsibilities of the council in opening the street to through traffic, and in relieving the congestion on Fort street, but accepted the amendment to obtain a report on the details of cost on each block affected.

A discussion was inaugurated at a late hour on the wisdom of withdrawing the private bill, insofar as it relates to Denman street, before the private bills committee of the legislature tomorrow. Alderman Dilworth criticized the alterations in the assessment roll since the work was commenced, while the mayor and other aldermen contended that the Denman street owners had gone back on them, and after the city had undertaken to seek legislative relief from the assessment, the owners had interjected an argument before the private bills committee. The council authorized the mayor to withdraw the application to-morrow, and leave the subject over till the whole question of relief from assessments for expropriations can be taken up in a general way.

Alderman Bell, speaking on a question of privilege, asked the council to appreciate the fact that the legislative committee had not backed out of the effort to regulate the weigh of bread, but that the municipal committee of the legislature had refused to recommend favorably to the House that such power should be given municipalities.

The report of the acting superintendent of the labor bureau showed that during March the bureau received applications for work from 346 men and 150 women. The bureau filled 329 positions for men and 135 for women. Of these 88 men were engaged on city work, 33 were skilled workers, 44 for steady work, 164 casual employment. Of women 96 were engaged for day work, 39 for steady work. New registrations and re-registrations of men were 177, while the same of women were 6, the total on the register on March 31 of men being 978 and of women 493, or a total of 1,471.

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Bessie—"He was very impudent. He put his arm round me twice." Jessie—"He must have had a very long arm."


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### SAILS FOR HONGKONG.

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Mahila Maru is reported to have sailed from Hongkong on April 1. She is due here on April 26.

### TIDE TABLE.

April.

| Date. | Time | Ht. | Time | Ht. | Time | Ht. | Time | Ht. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | h. m. | ft. | h. m. | ft. | h. m. | ft. | h. m. | ft. |
| 1 ..... | 1:47 | 7.6 | 8:28 | 4.1 | 14:14 | 7.0 | 20:16 | 4.5 |
| 2 ..... | 8:01 | 7.8 | 9:04 | 3.2 | 15:24 | 7.0 | 20:53 | 5.2 |
| 3 ..... | 2:18 | 8.0 | 9:39 | 2.6 | 16:42 | 6.9 | 21:24 | 5.9 |
| 4 ..... | 2:37 | 8.2 | 10:16 | 2.1 | 18:20 | 6.8 | 21:48 | 6.5 |
| 5 ..... | 2:58 | 8.3 | 10:58 | 1.9 | .. .. | .. | .. .. | .. |
| 6 ..... | 3:13 | 8.2 | 11:45 | 1.8 | .. .. | .. | .. .. | .. |
| 7 ..... | 3:08 | 8.2 | .. .. | .. | 12:34 | 1.9 | .. .. | .. |
| 8 ..... | 3:07 | 8.1 | .. .. | .. | 13:24 | 2.1 | .. .. | .. |
| 9 ..... | 3:00 | 8.0 | .. .. | .. | 14:15 | 2.3 | .. .. | .. |
| 10 ..... | .. .. | .. | 1:36 | 7.9 | .. .. | .. | 15:08 | 2.6 |
| 11 ..... | .. .. | .. | 1:57 | 7.7 | .. .. | .. | 16:00 | 2.9 |
| 12 ..... | .. .. | .. | 8:10 | 7.5 | .. .. | .. | 16:51 | 3.2 |
| 13 ..... | 1:15 | 7.3 | 8:21 | 6.0 | 10:52 | 6.2 | 17:40 | 3.5 |
| 14 ..... | 0:59 | 7.2 | 7:58 | 5.4 | 12:12 | 6.3 | 18:27 | 3.9 |
| 15 ..... | 1:02 | 7.3 | 7:56 | 4.6 | 13:26 | 3.4 | 19:11 | 4.4 |
| 16 ..... | 1:15 | 7.5 | 8:12 | 3.6 | 14:22 | 6.6 | 19:50 | 4.9 |
| 17 ..... | 1:29 | 7.8 | 8:44 | 2.6 | 15:22 | 6.8 | 20:24 | 5.4 |
| 18 ..... | 1:45 | 8.1 | 9:22 | 1.7 | 16:27 | 6.9 | 20:51 | 6.1 |
| 19 ..... | 2:03 | 8.4 | 10:02 | 1.1 | 17:48 | 7.0 | 21:13 | 6.7 |
| 20 ..... | 2:22 | 8.7 | 10:44 | 0.6 | .. .. | .. | .. .. | .. |
| 21 ..... | 2:42 | 8.9 | 11:31 | 0.4 | .. .. | .. | .. .. | .. |
| 22 ..... | .. .. | .. | 3:05 | 8.8 | 12:24 | 0.4 | .. .. | .. |
| 23 ..... | .. .. | .. | 3:32 | 8.6 | 13:21 | 0.7 | .. .. | .. |
| 24 ..... | 1:30 | 7.8 | 4:08 | 8.1 | 14:20 | 1.3 | 23:46 | 7.8 |
| 25 ..... | .. .. | .. | .. .. | .. | 15:19 | 2.0 | 23:44 | 7.7 |
| 26 ..... | .. .. | .. | .. .. | .. | 16:17 | 2.9 | 23:49 | 7.6 |
| 27 ..... | 7:00 | 5.4 | 11:02 | 6.1 | 17:14 | 3.8 | .. .. | .. |
| 28 ..... | 0:01 | 7.7 | 7:17 | 4.4 | 13:04 | 6.1 | 18:09 | 4.7 |
| 29 ..... | 0:17 | 7.8 | 7:42 | 3.4 | 14:41 | 6.4 | 18:58 | 5.5 |
| 30 ..... | 0:34 | 8.0 | 8:12 | 2.5 | 16:08 | 6.8 | 19:41 | 6.2 |

The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. Where blanks occur in the table, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning.

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of lower low water.

"Mr. Buxton was severely heckled at the outset from all parts of the room. Each time he endeavored to speak he was hailed with a torrent of howls, hoots and kisses."—Provincial Paper. A notoriously effective way of stopping the mouth."—Punch.

# BARQUENTINE HAWAII GOES TO CHEMAINUS

## Will Take on Full Cargo of Lumber for South African Port

The American barquentine Hawaii, Captain Wikander, left Esquimalt today in tow of the tug Swell for Chemainus, where she will load for South Africa.

The Hawaii arrived in the Royal Roads on March 22 after circling the globe, and a few days later proceeded to Esquimalt, where she was hauled out for cleaning, painting and general overhauling.

On her last voyage from this port she went to Cape Town with lumber, and then loaded maize for Australia, where, after discharging her cargo, she took on coal for Port Allen, Hawaiian Islands, and thence to Victoria.

The Hawaii is under charter to take a full cargo of lumber from Chemainus to South Africa, sailing via Cape Horn.

### WIRELESS REPORT

April 4, 8 a.m.

Point Grey—Rain; calm; 30.00; 42.

Cape Lazo—Cloudy; N. W.; 29.90; 44; sea moderate.

Pachena—Overcast; calm; 29.89; 42; sea smooth.

Estevan—Clear; N. W., strong; 29.78; 42; sea moderate.

Alert Bay—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.82; 40; sea moderate. Out, str Princess Maquinna 10 p.m., southbound.

Triangle—Overcast; N. W., fresh; 30.08; 43; sea moderate.

Dead Tree Point—Clear; calm; 30.04; 41; sea smooth.

Ikeda—Clear; N. W., light; 29.78; 44; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert—Fog; calm; 30.00; 38; sea smooth.

Noon.

Point Grey—Overcast; calm; 30.01; 45.

Cape Lazo—Clear; N. W.; 29.98; 50; sea smooth.

Pachena—Cloudy; N. W.; 29.95; 54; sea moderate.

Estevan—Clear; N. W.; 29.82; 47; sea moderate.

Alert Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.84; 46; sea smooth.

Triangle—Overcast; N. W.; 30.20; 44; sea smooth.

Dead Tree Point—Clear; calm; 30.02; 44; sea smooth.

Ikeda—Clear; N. W., light; 29.84; 44; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert — Overcast; calm; 29.91; 54; sea smooth.

### IS RETURNING TO SEA.

Lured by the attractive rates now being paid for deep sea sailing vessels, the old barque Alden Besse is retiring from the motion picture fleet and indications are that she will again sail the seas with cargo. The Alden Besse was built 45 years ago at Bath, Me. For many years she was well known on this coast in the lumber carrying trade. Five or six years ago the Alden Besse was withdrawn from trade between San Francisco and Honolulu and sold to a motion picture company. She has recently been taken to the Long Beach shipyards and is being overhauled and placed in readiness for the deep sea trade again. Her new owners are not known.

# MANY GOING TO NORTHERN POINTS

## Residents Are Returning After Having Spent the Winter in the South

The G. T. P. steamer Prince Rupert sailed for the north this morning with a large list of passengers, which included, besides a number bound for Prince Rupert, many who are going to Alaska.

Now that the season is advancing there is considerable travel to northern B. C. and Alaska ports, for many residents are returning after having spent the winter at outside points. While it is yet early for tourist traffic, signs are not wanting to show that travel will be very much heavier this year than last, and transportation companies are already preparing for the opening of the season.

It is reported that the G.T.P. steamer Prince John will leave Prince Rupert for Skagway on the arrival of the Rupert at the G. T. P. terminal, has been sold out for this trip. This will be the second run of the John on the Skagway route since the company inaugurated its spring schedule.

It is expected that on the next southbound trip of the Prince Rupert she will carry copper from the Granby Bay smelter to Prince Rupert for shipment east. On several of her trips she brought copper from that plant, but a shortage of water curtailed the output. With the advent of warmer weather the water supply has increased and now regular shipments probably will be made.

# LINER MAKURA WILL ARRIVE ON THURSDAY

The Canadian-Australian liner Makura, Captain Phillips, is now on the last leg of her voyage from the Antipodes to this port. The steamer is reported to have left Honolulu on Friday, March 31, and she is due to arrive here on Thursday.

According to advices regarding the liner she is expected to arrive at William Head in time to secure pratique before official sundown.

# GRAIN RATES MAY TOUCH RECORD POINT

## Exporters Will Have to Pay High Prices for Steamers During Coming Season

San Francisco, April 4.—The grain freight situation for the new season is causing exporters considerable anxiety. The outlook for tonnage is very indefinite and it looks as if only very high prices will attract vessels this way.

Regular liners are able to get fancy rates for general cargo and it is not likely that they will cut into the grain trade to any considerable extent. Tramp steamers are also in such demand for other lines of trade that only exceptionally tempting offers would force them into grain. The bulk of the movement will therefore have to be carried on by sailing vessels, or, failing them, by shipment to the east by rail, which has many disadvantages.

Shippers figure that at the present railroad freight and charter hire across the Atlantic they are paying close to 130s., not counting many incidental expenses which are estimated by an all water route. A sailing vessel has just been fixed for loading here or in the north, new season, at 150s., which is just about what will have to be paid to secure tonnage. Sailers are getting 120s. from the river Plate.

Owing to the unusual situation in Australia North Pacific shippers will have to offer vessels good inducements to come up here from Australia in ballast and probably nothing less than 140s. would bring them.

The navy department has opened bids for transporting a cargo of coal from Norfolk to San Francisco; the only bidder was the Pacific Mail, which offered the steamer Ecuador. About the only reason the government got even one bid is that the Ecuador will be coming out anyway to enter the Pacific Coast and South America trade about the time the government wants to send the coal.

It is practically impossible to get anything in the way of a steamer now for the coast to coast trade and even the opening of the canal is not expected to make much difference. The European lines, however, are commencing to get back into the Pacific Coast trade.

### GIVEN UP AS LOST.

San Pedro, April 4.—With the return to port of Capt. Harry Lynch, Jr., who went out in the fishing boat Yankee Boy to look for the missing schooner Ruby, little hope remains for the vessel. The Ruby left San Francisco March 21 for Catalina island in command of Capt. Harry Lynch, Sr., with a crew of two men. The vessel had been sold to the Fox Film Company for use in making moving pictures. One day out, the schooner ran into a fierce gale, and it is believed she went to the bottom.

### TANKER DAMAGED.

London, April 4.—The British tanker Narragansett, of 9,516 tons gross, has been damaged in a collision off the Goodwin lightship, according to advices received here to-day. The vessel left New York March 19 for London.

# FELL OVERBOARD IN NEW ZEALAND PORT

## L. Jansen, Second Mate of Schooner C. S. Holmes Loses His Life

Port Townsend, April 4.—Fifty-seven days from New Plymouth, New Zealand, five days of which were spent off Cape Flattery, the Seattle schooner C. S. Holmes arrived yesterday afternoon. The Holmes will proceed to Seattle to-day, where she will load supplies for mission and trading stations in Alaska.

On January 13, while discharging cargo at New Plymouth, Louis Jansen, second mate of the vessel, fell overboard and was drowned. Jansen joined the vessel in Seattle. While the Holmes was here to clear for New Plymouth, Jansen, on his way to the vessel in a small boat, came near losing his life. The craft capsized, but he managed to cling to it until the coast guard cutter Ungala rescued him.

Calms and head winds were responsible for the passage of forty-three days of the schooner Robert Lewers, from Port Ludlow to Honolulu, according to Capt. Anderson, master of the vessel. The Lewers arrived here yesterday, making the run in twenty-six days, seven of which she was delayed off the cape and in the strait. The vessel will proceed to Port Ludlow to load lumber for a return voyage.

### SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

San Francisco, April 3.—The Union Oil Tanker Coalinga, arriving from Antofagasta to-day, brought 3,000 tons of nitrate and 620 tons of ore to W. R. Grace & Co. Two arrivals from the west coast of Mexico this morning were the str Klamath, of the McCormick fleet, from Mazatlan, and in the str Centralia, of the Gulf Mail Steamship Company. Other arrivals were Br str Crown of Toledo, from London; str Atlas, from Point Wells; str Bear, from Portland.

Aberdeen, April 3.—Arrived: Str Temple E. Dorr, from San Francisco.

Portland, Ore., April 3.—Sailed: Str San Jacinto, for San Francisco.

Astoria, Ore., April 3.—Sailed: Stm schrs San Jacinto and Daisy Gadsby, for San Francisco.

Eagle Harbor, April 3.—Arrived: Schr William H. Smith, from Sydney, thence January 19, in tow of tug Columbia.

Tacoma, April 3.—Sailed: Str Elihu Thomson, for Seattle. Arrived: Str Nome City, from Seattle, at 2.45 p. m.; bge Argus, from Anyox, B. C., in tow of str Amur; str Admiral Dewey, from Seattle.

Vancouver, B. C., April 3.—Arrived: Str. Stanley Dollar, from Seattle.

Port Blakely, April 3.—Sailed: Schr Blakely, for Port Townsend, to complete her crew.

Yokohama, April 1.—Arrived: Str Ingho Maru, from Tacoma for Vladivostok.

Amsterdam, March 28.—Sailed: Str Ecuador, for San Francisco.

Hongkong, April 1.—Sailed: Str Manila Maru, for Seattle. April 2—Sailed: Str City of Puebla, for Seattle.

New York, April 2.—Arrived: U. S. collier Prometheus, from San Francisco.

Cristobal, April 2.—Arrived: Str Windber, from New York, via St. Thomas, for Seattle and Bellingham.

Miike, April 2.—Arrived: Str Genoa, from Vladivostok, via Moji, for Seattle.

Balboa, April 3.—Sailed: Str San Jose, for San Francisco; schr O. M. Clark, for San Francisco.

Seattle, April 3.—Arrived: Str Canada Maru, Hongkong, via way ports; str Georgia, Juneau; str. congress, Tacoma, via Everett; str Elihu Thomson, Tacoma; str Prince Rupert, Prince Rupert, B. C. via way ports. Sailed: Str Humboldt, Southeastern Alaska; str Spokane, Southeastern Alaska; str La Brea, Port San Luis; schr Vega, Behring Sea, in tow of tug Leonie; bge Dashing Wave, Taku Harbor, in tow of tug Tyee; schr Willis A. Holden, Eagle Harbor, in tow of tug Iscum; tug Equator, Wrangell; str Nome City, Tacoma; str Admiral Dewey, Tacoma; str Prince Rupert, Prince Rupert, B. C., via way ports.

San Pedro, April 3.—Lumber carriers arriving to-day were the strs Norwood and Svea, from Grays Harbor; str Avalon, from Willapa Harbor, and str Bowdoin, from Eureka. The strs Norwood, Avalon and Saginaw sailed for San Diego. Departures in ballast were the str Multnomah, for Grays Harbor; str Celilo, for Portland, and str Doris, for Willapa Harbor.

### WILL JOIN THE COLORS.

When the British barque, Holt Hill, which has left the Columbia river for the Azores for orders, arrives home in about four months time, two of the members of her crew plan to enlist and go to the front. One of them is B. B. Jubb, fourth officer of the vessel, who already bears the scars of wounds received in battle. Owing to his injuries he was granted an honorable discharge. Jubb was with the 8th Australian Infantry on Gallipoli peninsula, where he was wounded. In 1913 Jubb was at Portland third mate of the British barque Hinemoa. Late one night a sailor by the name of Davis fell overboard and was rescued by Jubb. For this action he was awarded a bronze medal.

### ON BUSINESS VISIT.

Two officials of the Canadian Northern Railway, George Stephen, assistant freight traffic manager, of Winnipeg, and A. Brostedt, district freight and passenger agent, of Vancouver, were in the city to-day on business. They left again on this afternoon's steamer.

# TEN GRAIN CARRIERS HAVE BEEN LOST

## Another Vessel Which Loaded at Portland, Ore., Sunk on Way to United Kingdom

A Lloyd's dispatch reports that the steamer City of Stockholm has arrived at Plymouth with all the crew of the Norwegian barque Bell, of 3,609 tons, which was bound from Portland, Ore., for the United Kingdom. The Bell was one of the largest sailing vessels in the world. With wheat valued at $247,303, loaded at Portland, the Bell crossed out of the Columbia river for the United Kingdom on November 28 last. It is presumed the barque was sunk by a German submarine.

Including the Bell, ten vessels which loaded grain at Portland for Europe, have been lost since the war began. They are as follow: The Dutch steamer Marie, the Norwegian barques Semantha, Linfield and Cambuskemeth, the Russian barque Thomasina, the British barque Invercoe, the French barque Francois, the Norwegian ship Morna and the Japanese steamer Hokoku Maru, which has been posted as missing as she has not been reported since calling at Singapore on her way from Portland via the Cape of Good Hope.

### DISABLED STEAMER TOWED TO HALIFAX

Halifax, April 4.—The British steamer Carly, which sailed from Genoa on February 11 for Philadelphia, was towed into this port late last night by the steamer Fogola. The steamer's tail shaft was broken. The Fogola went to her assistance after picking up a wireless call for help on March 31.

The Norwegian ship Svaland, 2,240 tons, which was dismasted off Sable Island, has been towed into Halifax harbor by the United States revenue cutter Seneca. The Svaland is in ballast and was on the way to New York when she encountered a series of storms which first carried away her canvas and then her masts. She is a steel ship, and the hull is intact. The Seneca brought the tow over 400 miles.

# PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR COMING YEAR

## Operations of Manchester Ship Canal Company Reviewed

As already reported, the shareholders of the Manchester ship canal have had their long years of waiting at last rewarded by the declaration of a first dividend on the preference and ordinary stock of the company. The report, which has just been issued, gives an interesting review of the company's operations. The canal has now been open for traffic for 22 years. It was originally expected that the cost of construction would not exceed £10,000,000, some estimates putting it as low as £8,000,000. However, the actual expenditure for capital purposes has approximated £17,000,000, and were it not for the aid of the Manchester corporation in making an advance of the sum of £5,000,000 by the issue of debentures, the completion of the canal would have been considerably delayed. At the end of 1909, the arrears of interest on the debentures amounted to £1,061,730. This amount was capitalized in the form of 3½ preference stock, and in 1914, £1,048,000 of debentures fell due for repayment. Of this sum £324,000 was permitted by the holders to be made perpetual, at the same rate of interest, namely, 3½ per cent., the remainder being paid off with the proceeds of a loan from the corporation of Manchester.

The canal was first used for traffic in 1894, when the total tonnage aggregated 925,659 tons. This figure has gone on steadily increasing, until in 1915, the period covered by the report, the total tonnage amounted to 5,434,046 tons. The receipts for the first year totaled £97,901, while last year they reached £757,268. The gross revenue for 1915 was £1,199,450, which is an increase of £101,031, as compared with 1914. This advance in the gross takings of the canal is almost entirely due to higher rates and charges which were put in force on March 15, 1915. During the year covered by the report, certain repairs could not be completed, but adequate provision is stated to have been made in the reserve for contingencies and repairs, and for the arrears of work while war allowances have been and are being made to all the employees, and the cost of raw materials is said to have risen enormously.

With the concern having at length been brought to the dividend paying stage, the chairman, J. K. Bythell, has decided to cease from taking an active direction of affairs. It is 21 years since he complied with the request that he should devote his whole time to the development of the ship canal, and it is said there is little doubt that its present flourishing condition is due, in very great measure, to the activity and energy constantly shown by its chairman in the face of conditions which have often seemed most discouraging. Mr. Bythell will still be chairman though many of his former duties will be deputed to Ernest Latimer, the general superintendent.

The outlook for the undertaking continues to be favorable, and the increase in receipts shows every sign of holding the impetus gained in the past year.

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### WILL CALL TO-MORROW.

The Union Steamship Company's steamer Chelohsin will make her weekly call here to-morrow for local passengers and freight. The steamer is scheduled to sail at 11 p.m. It is expected that the Camosun, which is now undergoing repairs at Yarrows' yards, Esquimalt, will be back on the run in the course of a couple of weeks. She is being repaired after having stranded in the north early last month.

### TOLEDO AT SAN FRANCISCO.

The Harrison line steamer Crown of Toledo, which is on her way to this port, arrived at San Francisco yesterday from San Pedro. After discharging cargo at the Golden Gate she will come north and is looked for early next week.

### PRESIDENT WAS LATE.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer President did not arrive from San Francisco until 8.30 last night. The steamer, which brought 27 passengers for Victoria, was delayed by bad weather on the southbound trip.

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# TIMES SHIPPING CHART

### DEEP SEA ARRIVALS.

| Steamer | Master | Tonnage | Agents | From | Due |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tamba Maru | Nagasue | 3,500 | G. Northern | Hongkong | April 6 |
| Makura | Phillips | 4,921 | C. P. R. | Sydney | April 6 |
| Empress of Russia | W. Davison | 8,789 | C. P. R. | Hongkong | April 8 |
| Crown of Toledo | —— | 3,678 | Balfour, Guthrie | Glasgow | April 10 |
| Yokohama Maru | Shinoke | 4,500 | G. Northern | Hongkong | April 14 |
| Tacoma Maru | Hamada | 3,800 | R. P. Rithet | Hongkong | April 24 |
| Manila Maru | Kobyashi | 5,200 | R. P. Rithet | Hongkong | April 26 |
| Empress of Japan | Davison | 3,500 | C. P. R. | Hongkong | April 20 |
| Niagara | Rolls | 7,000 | C. P. R. | Sydney | May 4 |
| Empress of Asia | Robinson | 8,834 | C. P. R. | Hongkong | May 6 |
| Sado Maru | Asakawa | 3,900 | G. Northern | Hongkong | May 4 |
| Hawaii Maru | Saito | — | R. P. Rithet | Hongkong | May 10 |
| Awa Maru | Inadzu | 3,820 | G. Northern | Hongkong | May 17 |
| Monteagle | Hailey | 3,900 | C. P. R. | Hongkong | May 19 |
| Shidzuoka Maru | Tozawa | 4,200 | G. Northern | Hongkong | May 25 |
| Barrister | Richards | — | Balfour, Guthrie | Liverpool | May 29 |

### DEEP SEA DEPARTURES.

| Steamer | Master | Tonnage | Agents | For | Due |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kamakura Maru | Kusano | 3,644 | G. Northern | Hongkong | April 4 |
| Makura | Phillips | 4,921 | C. P. R. | Sydney | April 12 |
| Canada Maru | Suruga | 3,800 | R. P. Rithet | Hongkong | April 14 |
| Tamba Maru | Nagasue | 3,800 | G. Northern | Hongkong | April 18 |
| Empress of Russia | W. Davison | 8,789 | C. P. R. | Hongkong | April 20 |
| Empress of Japan | Davison | 3,500 | C. P. R. | Hongkong | April 27 |
| Yokohama Maru | Shinoke | 4,500 | G. Northern | Hongkong | April 28 |
| Tacoma Maru | Hamada | 3,800 | R. P. Rithet | Hongkong | May 4 |
| Niagara | Rolls | 7,000 | C. P. R. | Sydney | May 10 |
| Manila Maru | Kobyashi | 5,200 | R. P. Rithet | Hongkong | May 12 |
| Sado Maru | Asakawa | 3,900 | G. Northern | Hongkong | May 16 |
| Empress of Asia | Robinson | 8,834 | C. P. R. | Hongkong | May 18 |

### COASTWISE SERVICES.

**For Vancouver**
Steamer Princess Adelaide leaves daily at 2.30 p. m., and steamer Princess Mary daily at 11.45 a. m.

**From Vancouver**
Steamer Princess Alice arrives daily at 3 p. m., and steamer Princess Royal at 6.30 a. m.

**For Seattle**
Steamer Princess Alice leaves daily at 4.30 p. m.

**From Seattle**
Steamer Princess Adelaide arrives daily at 1 p. m.

**For Port Angeles**
Steamer Sol Duc leaves daily except Sunday at 11.30 a. m.

**From Port Angeles**
Steamer Sol Duc arrives daily except Sunday at 9 a. m.

**For San Francisco**
Steamers President and Governor alternate every Friday at 5 p. m.

**From San Francisco**
Steamers President and Governor alternate every Monday at 1 p. m.

**For Comox**
Steamer Charmer leaves every Tuesday a. m.

**From Comox**
Steamer Charmer arrives every Sunday.

**For Prince Rupert**
Steamer Prince Rupert leaves Tuesdays at 10 a. m.

**From Prince Rupert**
Steamer Prince Rupert arrives Mondays at 6 a. m.

**For Skagway**
Steamer Princess Sophia April 4, 14 and 24.

**From Skagway**
Steamer Princess Sophia arrives April 13 and 23.

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**From Holberg**
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# SPORTING NEWS

## BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS LAST NIGHT PRODUCED PLENTY OF EXCITEMENT

### Sensational Battle Between Tubman and Thomas in Heavyweight class. Al Davies Cleverly Outpointed "Buck" Nicholson

City Boxing Champions.

Flyweight—Rex Steele, V.I.A.A.A.

Bantamweight (special)—Bugler A. Roy, 143rd Battalion.

Bantamweight—Bugler Clay, 88th Battalion.

115 lbs.—Pte. Handler, 103rd Battalion.

125 lbs.—Corp. Billy Sneddon, 88th Battalion.

135 lbs.—E. Dewett, V.I.A.A.A.

145 lbs.—George Corkle, V.I.A.A.A.

158 lbs.—Alex. Mackay, V.I.A.A.A.

Heavyweight—Pte. E. Tubman, 103rd Battalion.

Last night's city championship boxing tournament, held under the auspices of the Vancouver Island A.A.A., lived up to all the flattering advance notices. The affair far surpassed all previous ring tourneys in the history of local amateur boxing, and while the programme was cut short owing to the non-appearance of several of the contestants, the spectators were thoroughly satisfied with the evening's entertainment.

Eight bouts were included in the programme, and with the exception of the main event, and the bout between Sneddon and Mole in the 125-pound class, all were decided by hair-line decisions. All the contestants were evenly matched, and frequently the spectators were up on their feet cheering.

The heavyweight combat between Pte. Elmer Tubman, of the 103rd Battalion, and Baptiste Thomas, the husky V.I.A.A.A. Indian, produced more activity than any other amateur contest ever staged in this city. It fairly bristled with activity. The big gladiators, lacking in ring knowledge, rushed at each other unceasingly and battered away with terrific blows.

Tubman, with his guard rather high in the first round, left his mid-section open for a terrific right-handed wallop from his dusky opponent. He keeled over and remained out for some time. Thomas thought he had won the battle, but in amateur rules, unlike the professional game, a knockout does not decide the contest, and the fallen person is allowed one minute in which to revive.

Tubman, game to the core, was quick to recuperate. The gong sounded for a second round. Tubman was a little more cautious, and Thomas in his over-anxiety, left his guard wide open. The soldier was quick to take advantage of the opening, and dealt a hard right smash to the jaw, sending the Indian sprawling to the mat. It was another clean knockout.

This time Thomas was given one minute in which to revive, and the battlers entered the third round, both reeling, about almost exhausted. Honors were about even in the third frame, and the judges awarded the fight to the soldier. The enthusiasm over this contest was tremendous, and the officers of the various battalions, seated at the ringside, were particularly keen in appreciating the grit and stamina of the contestants.

Another sensational bout was that between George Corkle, of the V. I. A. A. A., and Pte. Campbell, of the 103rd Battalion, in the 145-pound class. Both these fellows stand over 6 feet in height and each has a reach about the same measurement as Jess Willard's. Finally the soldier, who was hopelessly out of condition, acknowledged defeat in the middle of the second round, after stopping a series of right and left smashes to the jaw. Honors rested with the soldier in the opening round, but he was gradually worn down by the cautious Corkle.

Bugler Alex. Roy, of the 143rd Battalion, conceding several pounds to Pte. Langford, a fellow soldier, gained a hairline decision in the 105-pound class. Roy outboxed his opponent, and managed to evade his heavy right arm swings, which probably would have decided the battle had they landed.

Pte. Marino and Pte. Bonoch, both of the 143rd Bantam Battalion, made their initial appearance in the ring in the 125-pound class. While they lacked knowledge, they put up a good exhibition. Both boys were willing, and the honors went to Marino. No damage was done.

Corpl. Billy Sneddon, of the 88th Battalion, is about the most improved boxer in the amateur ranks. He was opposed to Corpl. Moles, of the 103rd Battalion, in the 125-pound class. The boys were about a match in size, and a good bout was anticipated. But Sneddon fairly smothered his opponent with left and right uppercuts, and the latter quit in the second round. Sneddon gave a remarkable display of cleverness and hitting ability, and should develop into one of the best boxers ever produced in the Northwest.

George Kirby conceded a few pounds to Harry Picco in the 115-pound class, and lost the decision at the end of three rounds. Kirby had the better of the exchanges for three rounds, but the judges disagreed, and he refused to continue, the bout going to Picco by default. The latter, however, injured his hand, and could not compete in the finals.

Rex Steele and Johnny Fields, two V. I. A. A. A. flyweights, put up a very clever exhibition, honors going to the former after an extra round has been fought.

The main event of the evening was not as spectacular as was anticipated. Davies' opponent, Pte. Nicholson, of the 88th Battalion, though several pounds heavier than the V. I. A. A. A. crack, was out of condition, and was an easy target for Davies' lightning-like left jabs and crashing right-handers. In the first round the V. I. A. A. A. man was very cautious, and cleverly evaded his opponent's terrific right swings, but became more confident as the battle progressed, and in the second round began to batter the soldier, who was badly winded. After taking a series of hard wallops Nicholson quit at the end of the second round, but after a minute's rest he again agreed to go on and the bout continued the limit, with Davies winner on points by a big margin.

Nicholson was by no means a rookie, for he thoroughly understands the game and will soon develop into a first class boxer with a little conditioning.

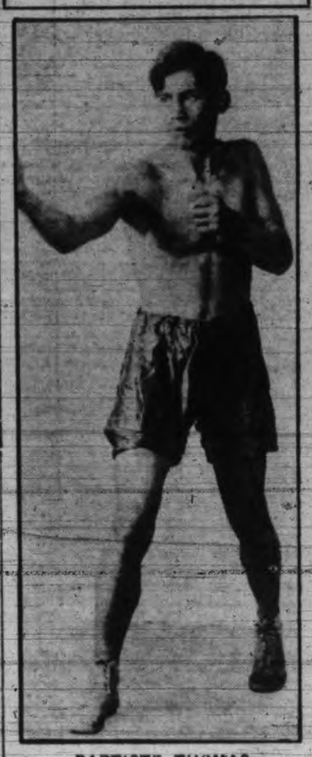
Joe Bayley, Canadian lightweight champion, refereed the main event, while Al and Billy Davies officiated in the ring in the preliminaries.

Lennie Oliver acted as timekeeper, J. I. Warren as master of ceremonies, while Lieut. H. Ross of the 103rd Battalion and L. Tilley acted as judges.

**Another Tourney Soon.**

W. H. Davies, superintendent of the Vancouver Island A. A. A., announces that he will stage another tournament in about two weeks' time.

**BRONZE HOPE**



BAPTISTE THOMAS

Hard hitting Indian heavyweight who lost a hairline decision to Pte. Elmer Tubman at last night's tournament. With a little more training Thomas should develop into a real champion.

## COAST LEAGUE SEASON OPENS THIS AFTERNOON

San Francisco, April 4.—With games at San Francisco, Los Angeles and Salt Lake City, the 1916 pennant race for the Pacific Coast Baseball League will spring into life to-day after weeks of practice at the various training camps.

At San Francisco, Harry Wolverton, who led the Seals to last year's championship as manager, will send his men after the rejuvenated Portland team, who, with Walter McCredie, the veteran manager of the league, did their preparatory work at Sacramento, Cal.

After a parade on the downtown streets and the usual opening ceremonies at Recreation park, Mayor James Rolph, Jr., will pitch the first ball, surrender the pitcher's box to "Big Six" Steen, and the long grind for the championship will be on.

McCredie to-night was undecided whether he would send Noyes or Harstad into the lists against the champion Seals, but stated that it would be one of these two.

In the south, Los Angeles and Vernon will meet in the opening conflict, under the leadership of two managers who are making their debuts in the Pacific Coast League. Frank Chance, former manager of the New York Yankees, of the American League, will guide the Angels through the race, the other newcomer being "Ham" Paterson, the Vernon manager, whose fighting spirit has made him a striking figure in minor league baseball.

"Rowdy" Elliott, manager of the Oakland team, has taken to Salt Lake City for the opening series a team of his own choosing, and one which he expects to make a strong bid for the pennant. Cliff Blankenship, who headed last year's Saints in their sensational race, also claims to have assembled an aggregation of players who will be hard to beat.

### STANFORD CREW ARRIVES.

Seattle, April 4.—The Leland Stanford, Jr., university eight-oared crew, which will race the University of Washington eight on Lake Washington next Saturday, arrived last night from San Francisco in charge of Coach Guerena. Immediately upon their arrival the Stanford oarsmen were taken to the university, where they will be quartered in a fraternity house until the race. The crew came up by train, but their shell was sent from San Francisco by steamer and will not arrive until to-morrow. It will be taken to Lake Washington Tuesday morning, when the Stanford men will be given their first workout on the lake.

### WILLIAMS BUYS STOCK.

Spokane, April 4.—Manager Nick Williams has purchased an interest in the Spokane baseball club, President F. C. Farr announced last night. How large an interest was not divulged.

Preliminary to the starting of the training season here to-day, Williams announced last night that he had filled the hole in the right field by signing Cy Neighbors for that position. Half a dozen veterans and a score of bushers are expected to report to-morrow at the ball grounds.

### ALASKA SWEEPSTAKES.

Nome, April 4.—The ninth annual all-Alaska sweepstakes dog team race, the great sport event of the north, will be run April 11 over the snow trail from Nome to Candle and return, a distance of 412 miles. This announcement was made last night. The trail is in excellent condition for fast racing. It is probable that six or seven teams will be entered.

## BREEZY BITS

Word comes from the Detroit training camp that Ty Cobb, the sensational Tiger outfielder, is going to slug right handed hereafter. Ty is quite convinced that he can do better work that way, and intends to cease being a left handed hitter. This refers only to Ty's golf, not baseball.

Big Ervine Kantlehner, who when a member of the Victoria team was about the biggest excuse of a hitter in the N. W. circuit, is developing into quite a slugger. Last year with Pittsburg he batted .288, and this spring at the Pirate camp he is again clouting the pill. The other day he slammed one over the fence and broke the wind shield of a passing automobile.

Paddy Lavin, the former Buffalo pugilist, has been seriously wounded. The other day while he was standing in his restaurant in Buffalo, a gunman shot him twice. Lavin was accused of shooting a man named Wm. Kennedy about a year ago in Toledo, but was acquitted by the jury, and it is believed that some of Kennedy's friends are seeking revenge.

The most interested spectators at the first showing of the Willard-Moran fight pictures in New York last Saturday was Frank Moran. Moran announces that he has an engagement with Fred Fulton, and that after disposing of the Minnesota giant he will seek a return bout with the champion.

Major T. W. Pearson, the famous Welsh international three-quarter, has been gazetted lieutenant colonel in the Welsh Brigade, R. F. A. He played with Wales from 1891 to 1898. He also played against England in 1903. He is a good tennis player, cricketer and all-round sportsman.

E. W. Sommers, former pitcher of the Detroit American League Club, and the Indianapolis American Association Club, has been engaged to coach the Wabash college team.

Manager Fielder Jones, of the St. Louis Browns, made a statement the other day that his club was much stronger than the Chicago American of 1906, when he piloted that club to the championship of the world.

Amongst the men recently invalided home to England from France is Pte. J. L. C. Jenkins, the amateur golf champion. He joined the ranks at the outbreak of the war.

Motion picture men paid $10,000 for the privilege of taking films of the Moran-Willard scrap in New York last week.

### TENNIS SEASON OPENS.

Seattle, April 4.—Tennis enthusiasts will limber up on the Seattle Tennis Club grounds to-morrow, as the season will officially open to-morrow morning. The grounds at Summit and Madison have been whipped into shape and are ready for the players.

Crawford Anderson, the new chairman of the tournament committee, announced that tournaments among the members of the club will be more numerous this coming season. The first big tourney of the year will be held on August 7, when the state championships will be staged.

### LIGHTWEIGHTS MATCHED.

A match was arranged between Jack Dillon, the legitimate light heavyweight champion, and Billy Miske, the Minneapolis fighter. They will come together for ten rounds at a boxing show to be staged at St. Paul on the night of April 14. Dillon is to receive a guarantee of $3,000.

### CUBS WON.

New Orleans, La., April 4.—The Chicago Nationals defeated the New Orleans Southern Association team here yesterday 6 to 2. Score:

| | R. | H. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 6 | 7 | 2 |
| New Orleans | 2 | 7 | 5 |

Batteries — Seaton, Hendrix and Archer; Dillinger and Higgins.

### WICHITA GETS PLAYERS.

Sacramento, Cal., April 4.—Pitcher Clarence Henley received word from Manager Patterson, of the Vernon baseball club last night, that he had been sold to the Wichita club of the Western League, in a deal by which Henley, Dick Bayless, Johnny Kane and Berger go to Wichita.

### COURT TENNIS TOURNEY.

New York, April 4.—In the national court tennis championship tournament which began here yesterday, only three matches were decided. The first of these went by default to D. P. Rhodes, of Boston, through the non-appearance of Wilson Potter, of Philadelphia. The second was won by Payne Whitney, of the Home club, which defeated J. A. Lowell Blake, of Boston, 6-2, 4-6, 6-5, 6-2. C. S. Cutting, of this city, won the other match from D. L. Hutchinson, of Philadelphia, in three straight sets, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.

Play will be continued each day up to Thursday, and the winner of the tournament will meet the world's champion, Jay Gould, in the challenge round next Saturday.

### LIGHTWEIGHTS MATCHED.

Chicago, April 4.—Charley White and Manager Nate Lewis will leave to-night for Kansas City, where the North Sider engages Matt Wells on Thursday night instead of Friday, as previously announced. They are billed for fifteen rounds to a decision.

White boxed eight rounds at O'Connell's yesterday against three sparring partners, and pulled up as fresh as a daisy. Charley always is in pretty fair condition, and does not need much work. The weight they are making, 135 pounds at 3 o'clock, is soft for him.

### SPOKANE START TRAINING.

Spokane, April 4.—Players signed by the Spokane Northwestern League Baseball Club reported for spring training yesterday. They will be put in condition on the Gonzaga university field, as the new baseball grounds of the club have not been completed.

Phoenix Stout—2 qts. for 25c.

### FOOTBALL MEETING.

A meeting of the Victoria and District Football Association will be held to-night at 8 o'clock in the Foresters hall, Broad street. Business of importance will be transacted.

### ATHLETE IN BAD.

San Francisco, April 4.—Frank Sloman, the San Francisco high school boy who holds the record in the quarter-mile run, is in bad now because he took part in the indoor meet at Corvallas last Saturday. He ran for the Olympic Club of San Francisco, and is thereby disqualified from taking part in the state inter-scholastic meet in Los Angeles next Saturday. Both the A.A.U. and the Inter-scholastic Federation prohibit high school or college students from competing for athletic clubs.

### INDIANS SIGN PLAYERS.

Portland, April 4.—Emery Webb and Arthur Moeller, pitchers, and Ike Wolfer, an outfielder, will report to-day to the Spokane team for trial. The three are Portland boys, who have been developed in semi-pro games.

### WARREN LANDS BERTH.

Great Falls has signed Jack Warren, a little fly chaser who used to play with Tacoma several years ago. He will fight it out with Huelsman, Fries and Killilay.

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## MANY ENTRIES ARE RECEIVED FOR SHOW

### Annual Kennel Show Will Open To-morrow Afternoon at Haggerty Building

All local dog fanciers are greatly enthused over the big dog show which will open to-morrow in the Haggerty building, 910 View street. This show is an annual event, and will be held under the auspices of the Victoria Kennel Club. Approximately 300 entries have been received, and the affair gives promise of surpassing all previous shows. Included in the large entry list are several winners at the big International Kennel Show held last week.

From the appearance of the locally-bred dogs in the various classes, and especially among the wire-haired fox terriers, Boston terriers and the Spitz dogs, some mighty close competition is promised.

Included in the Irish setter class is champion Killarney Kim, owned by H. W. R. Moore. This dog was among the local winners at the Seattle Kennel Show last week, taking a first in the open class as well as the handsome trophy awarded for the best setter in the show. Kilarney Kim was bred in Victoria by C. A. Goodwin, and has never been beaten. It is considered among the prominent judges here and in Seattle to be the best Irish setter on the Pacific coast. This is only one of the dogs of championship quality which will be exhibited.

The show doors will be thrown open at 1 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, and the judging will commence one hour later.

The majority of the exhibitors had their canines in the building this morning, the quarters having been tastefully prepared for the occasion, and it is anticipated that the event will be the biggest success in years.

Opening to-morrow the show will be continued for three days, closing Friday night with the awarding of the special prizes to the winners. The management has added a special feature, which will be the judging of the specials in the evening between 8 and 10 o'clock. A large ring has been made for this judging, which will provide plenty of room for the spectators to witness the judging. For the convenience of the public the management will place award cards, identifying the winners each day. An admission fee of 25 cents will be charged for adults and 10 cents for children.

### CASEY WILL PLAY.

Portland, April 4.—Perle Casey, former captain of the Portland Beavers, has signed to play second base for Bradford team of the Inter-City Baseball League of Portland. Casey worked as an umpire last year, but will not turn out this season.

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| Score— | R. | H. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 7 | 8 | 2 |
| Oklahoma City | 2 | 5 | 1 |

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JONES, carpenter and cabinetmaker. Jobbing work promptly attended to. Fence work, etc. Phone 1673L. 837 Fort street.

### LODGES

DAUGHTERS AND MAIDS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Lodge Princess Alexandra, No. 18, meets third Thursday 8 p. m., Orange Hall, Yates street. L. Palmer, 1117 Esquimalt road, W. P.; A. Catterall, W. Secy., 1016 Linden avenue.

DAUGHTERS AND MAIDS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Lodge Primrose, No. 32, meets fourth Tuesday at 8 p. m., in K. of P. Hall, North Park St. President, F. M. Wyman, 927 Pembroke St. A. M. James, W. Secy., 710 Discovery St. Visiting members cordially invited.

SONS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Alexandra, 116, meets first and third Thursdays, A. O. F. Hall, Broad street. H. H. Pearce, president, 646 Langford street; Jas. P. Temple, 1053 Burdett avenue, secretary.

SONS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Pride of the Island Lodge, No. 131, meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in A. O. F. Hall, Broad St. W. A. Carpenter, Maywood, P. O., President; Secretary, A. E. Brindley, 1617 Pembroke St., city.

LOYAL ORANGE ASSOCIATION—L. O. L., 1610, meets in Orange Hall, Yates street, second and fourth Monday. A. J. Warren, W. M., 1133 Leonard St.; Eli Watterson, R. S., 1244 Merritt St.

K. OF P.—Far West Victoria Lodge No. 1, Friday, K. of P. Hall, North Park St. A. G. H. Harding, K. of R. & S., 16 Promis Block, 1006 Government St.

COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2, I. O. O. F., meets Wednesdays, 8 p. m., in Odd Fellows' Hall, Douglas street. D. Dewar, R. S., 1240 Oxford street.

THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 8 o'clock in K. of P. Hall, North Park street. Visiting members cordially invited.

A. O. F., COURT NORTHERN LIGHT, No. 5952, meets at Foresters' Hall, Broad street, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. W. F. Fullerton, Sec'y.

### APARTMENTS FOR RENT.

TO LET—Well furnished apartment, $15 per month; no children. 1176 Yates St. a7

MODERN, nicely furnished 4-roomed apartment, with piazza, every convenience. Collinson Apartments, 1116 Collinson St. a4

THE KENSINGTON, 919½ Pandora Ave. Front suite for rent, hot and cold water, own bath. a23

GLENGARRY, 316 Cook street. Furnished suite to rent. Apply Caretaker. a8

APARTMENT TO LET—McDonald block, Oak Bay junction. Telephone 731L. j27 tf

### EXCHANGE

I CAN EXCHANGE your property. Chas. F. Eagles, 517 Sayward Block. m27 tf

FOR EXCHANGE—Equity of 6 roomed, modern house, in good location, for acreage, improved, close in, or for stock. Box 340, Times. a5

### FOR RENT—HOUSES (Unfurnished)

FOR RENT—HOUSES AND APARTMENTS, furnished and unfurnished, in all parts of the city. Lloyd-Young & Russell, 1012 Broad street, ground floor, Pemberton Building. Phone 4632.

FOR RENT—Four-room house, with water, three minutes' walk from car; $5 per month. G. A. Knight, Jr., Mt. Tolmie. a4

TO LET—House, 5 rooms. Apply 403 Young street. Phone 3165L. a24

FOR RENT—Six-room house, on Wilkerson road, orchard, grazing rights, close to B. C. Electric, beautifully situated; monthly rental of $10. Further particulars apply Gillespie, Hart & Todd, 711 Fort street. Phone 7940. m4 tf

SEVERAL new houses to rent at low rates. The Griffith Company, Hibben-Bone Building.

FOR RENT—Five roomed, modern cottage, $7 monthly, including water. Apply 1535 Hillside. a5

NEW 5-room house to rent, $9.50 month. 2526 Belmont Ave. a7

HOUSE AND TWO ACRES to lease, near Royal Oak Station. Apply Box 345, Times. a5

FOR RENT—Good suburban store at car terminus, Fowl Bay, low rent; good 8 roomed house, close in, modern, $15; 5 rooms, 813 Hillside, $10; 6 rooms, Craigflower road, fine garden, $6; 4 rooms, 1420 Hillside, large garden, $5; 6 rooms, Superior street, $7. 1354 Pandora street. Phone 2910R. a4

DUNFORD'S RENTALS—4 rooms, Blackwood, $10; 5 rooms, Chaucer, $10; 8 rooms, Transit, $15; 7 rooms, Hollywood, $15; 6 rooms, St. Patrick, furnished, only $22.50; 6 rooms, Moss, furnished, $30; Vancouver St., beautiful home near park, most expensive furnishings, $45. Dunford's Rental Service, 311 Union Bank. a4

FOR RENT—Modern, 7-room house, in good condition, 1559 Oak Bay avenue. Phone 731L. a7

TO LET—Six roomed, modern house, James Bay. Apply 82 San Juan. a4

EIGHT ROOMS, modern, corner Rudlin and Chambers. Apply 706 Vancouver. Rent reasonable. a7

FOR RENT—Small cottage, on Belcher Ave. Apply 1348 Grant St. a4

FOR RENT—Modern 7-room house, good condition, with garage. Niagara street. Apply 2020 Chaucer St., Oak Bay. a15

GOOD 6-room house for rent, and furniture for sale cheap; everything clean and in splendid shape. Party leaving city. Belmont Ave., near Vining St. The Griffiths Company, Hibben-Bone Building. a7

FOR RENT—Modern, 7-room house on Montreal street, furnace, block car; rent $18. Owner, 224 Simcoe street. Phone 1558L. a6

### FOR RENT—HOUSES (Furnished)

FOR RENT—Clean, furnished, 4 roomed cottage, good location, useful garden, $18. Apply 1609 Gladstone avenue, corner Shakespeare. Phone 4703L. a5

TO RENT—Seven-room house, Fairfield, furnished or unfurnished. 135 Wellington avenue. Phone 4118L. a8

FOR RENT—Comfortably furnished, 3-room cottage, central; adults only. Apply 712 Vancouver street. Phone 3819R. a4

TO RENT—Small, furnished house, Helmcken street. Apply 2829 Cedar Hill road. a4

TO LET—Furnished or unfurnished, 86 Dallas road. Apply 1228 Montrose Ave. Phone 3226L. a22

### FOR RENT—MISCELLANEOUS.

IMPROVED FARM, all fenced, 100 acres, 20 cleared, good orchard, modern bungalow, stables, barn, all new, Metchosin, 12 miles from Victoria. Inquire Aristo Studio, 1336 Douglas, Victoria. a4

STABLES AND SHACK to let. 926 Humboldt street. a23

DESK ROOM for rent, with phone and typewriter, per month, $7.50; with stenographer, $20. Apply 24 Winch Bldg., city. m13 tf

STORE AND BASEMENT to rent at 726 Fort St., 6,500 sq. ft. floor space. Phone 552 Colbert's Plumbing Co., 754 Broughton St. tf

ONE AND TWO-ROOM OFFICES to let in Times Building. Apply at Times Office.

### HELP WANTED—MALE.

MESSENGERS—At Great Northwestern Telegraph Office, 614 View street. Good wages and opportunity to learn telegraphy. Must have bicycle. a4

WANTED—Driver and collector for tea and coffee delivery; must be clean and respectable. Apply after 4 o'clock, C. J. Carey, 615 Catherine street. a4

WANTED—Persons to grow mushrooms for us at their own homes. From $15 per week upwards can be made by using small waste space in cellars, sheds, yards or gardens. We furnish full instructions. Illustrated booklet sent free on request. Address Montreal Supply Co., Montreal, Que. a27

WIRELESS OPERATORS in great demand. Our students with navy, army, government, Marconi and private companies. Free illustrated prospectus. Classes enrolling April 3. Columbian College of Wireless, 731½ Fort. a24

LOCOMOTIVE FIREMEN, brakemen, $120 monthly. Experience unnecessary. Railway, Box 1883, Times.

WANTED—Men to know: London House, Johnson street, between Government and Broad, for keen prices on English underwear, shirts and socks. a17

EMPLOYERS OF HELP who may now or in the immediate future require skilled or unskilled labor, either male or female, should send in their names at once to the Municipal Free Labor Bureau.

### HELP WANTED—(Female.)

WANTED—Experienced chocolate dipper. Apply Matthews' Candy Factory, cor. Montreal and Superior Sts. a4

WANTED—At once, girl for general house work. Apply 130 Menzies St. a8

WANTED—A girl, for general house work. Phone 2858L, after 6 p. m. a4

IF YOU HAVE WORK for a few hours, days or weeks, won't you send in your name to the Municipal Free Labor Bureau and let us send you the man or woman to do that work?

### HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS

HOUSEKEEPING ROOM, $1.25; suit baachelors. 827 Fort. a9

FOR RENT—Three furnished housekeeping rooms, near Willows, suitable for soldier's wife. Box 339, Times. a5

TO LET—Two nicely furnished, front, housekeeping rooms, gas, etc., nice location. 1021 Pandora. a4

### AUTOMOBILES FOR HIRE

JITNEY CARS—People wishing to hire jitney cars by the hour or for short trips should telephone Jitney Association Garage, number 2081.

### BUSINESS CHANCES.

WANTED—A party with two thousand dollars to handle a business proposition. Box 341, Times. a5

### DANCING.

B. AND V. CLUB—The next social dance, Wednesday, April 12, at Connaught Hall, View street. For invitations apply Gus Brown or R. Vipond. Phone 3196R.

BOYD'S DANCING CLASS, every Monday, 8 p. m., Blanshard and Pandora. a22

### FARM PRODUCE

MRS. PEASE'S DEVONSHIRE CREAM fresh daily at Master's Bakery, Fort street. Delicious with jam or stewed fruit. m8

### FOR SALE—AUTOMOBILES.

FOR SALE—"Fisher" Lullet. 707 Fort street. m3

### FOR SALE—LIVESTOCK.

GOOD DELIVERY HORSE for sale, cheap. Apply to Brown & Cooper, 910 Gordon. a4

### FOR SALE—POULTRY AND EGGS.

HATCHING EGGS FOR SALE—Buff Orpingtons, Reds, White and Brown Leghorns, heavy laying strains, $1 per setting. 1841 Chestnut avenue. Phone 1889L. a12

BROODY HENS—Rhode Islands, $1.50 each; eggs, $1.25 setting; Black Orpington pullets, $1.50 each; great layers, all from my prize winners. Wilkins, 427 Stannard avenue. Phone 3748L. a8

EGGS ARE LOW and the price of chickens high. If you have poultry to sell Phone 4344. We will call. a16

CUSTOM HATCHING—Send your eggs to be hatched in my incubators. Book now to avoid disappointment later. T. W. Palmer, Lake Hill P. O., North Quadra. m10 tf

### FURNISHED ROOMS.

TO LET—Two or three furnished rooms, Victoria West, desirable locality, near car. Phone 1406R2. a4

OSBORNE COURT, Phone 2273, 817 McClure street. Comfortably and newly furnished bedrooms, with or without private baths. Every room heated with hot water system and equipped with hot and cold running water. Terms reasonable. a6

BRUNSWICK HOTEL—50c. night and up $2 weekly and up; best location, first-class, no bar; few housekeeping rooms Yates and Douglas.

### PERSONAL.

"GATLIN" TREATMENT FOR LIQUOR HABIT. 510 Trutch street. Phone 5466.

### ROOM AND BOARD.

FOR ROOM AND BOARD, 1157 Johnson street. a22

THE BON ACCORD, 845 Princess avenue, seven minutes' walk from City Hall, near new Drill Hall. Rooms from $5 per month; room and board, $7 per week; single meals, 25c. Phone 2857L. a29

GOOD BOARD AND ROOMS, $6 per week; also housekeeping rooms. 942 Pandora. a14

### SECOND-HAND CLOTHING.

DISCARDED CLOTHES—We call at any address and pay best prices for ladies' and gents' discarded clothes, shoes, etc. 541 Johnson. Phone 4433L. a5

### SITUATIONS WANTED (Male.)

WE HAVE A WAITING LIST of skilled and unskilled laborers, clerks, bookkeepers, etc., both men and women, ready and anxious for employment. What do you need done? Municipal Free Labor Bureau.

### WANTED TO RENT—HOUSES.

WANTED—Small furnished cottage, must be modern and close in. Box 328, Times. a5

WANTED—Houses to rent; strict attention given. The Griffith Company, Hibben-Bone Building.

### WANTED—FURNISHED HOUSES.

WANTED—Small furnished house, near Esquimalt road preferred. Box 331, Times. a6

### WANTED—PROPERTY.

WANTED—Lot in Hollywood district, close to waterfront. Apply P. O. Box 837.

### FOR SALE—LOTS

SNAP IN LOT—Bank street, 50x120 to lane, price $325 cash. Currie & Power, 1214 Douglas street. Phone 1466. a6

### FOR SALE—HOUSES.

FOR SALE—Bungalow, five rooms and den, very latest of finish, modern, lawn and garden, No. 1258 Basil street, between Blackwood and Cook, one block from Hillside car; also bachelor's outfit, including almost new Majestic range. Apply owner, at house, afternoons. a4

FOR SALE—New, modern, 7-room house, large pantry, bathroom, laundry, cement basement, furnace, fireplace, corner lot, in mile circle, splendidly finished, panelled and beamed; price and terms reasonable. Owner, Box 311, Times. a4

FOR SALE—Cottage, 4 rooms, large lot, Obed avenue, Gorge, sacrifice, $1,000, easy terms. Box 24, Times. a16

$1,000 FOR MY EQUITY in modern, seven-room house in Fairfield; $500 cash, balance own terms, no interest, mortgage $2,000. R. L. Dobie, 224 Simcoe street. Phone 1558L. a6

### FOR SALE—ACREAGE.

SAANICH BARGAINS—3 of them, 3½ acres cleared, Birch farm, $1,000; 1 3-4 acres near Brentwood, $550; 81 acres near Sidney, half cleared, very cheap. Northwest Real Estate, 719 Yates St. a4

FOR SALE—40 acres, waterfront, Gulf Islands, partly cleared, fine for poultry, near wharf; $70 per acre. Apply Box 154, Times. a11

FOR SALE—At Shawnigan Lake (cheap), as going concern, 7½ acres, boats, launch and houses, land sub-divided into 41 lots. Ill-health reason for selling. Apply Julius Barran, 25-Mile Post, E. & N. Ry. tf

## Court of Revision

NOTICE is hereby given that the first sitting of the next annual Court of Revision, appointed under the provisions of the "Municipal Act" by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, British Columbia, in respect of the assessment roll for the year 1916, of the municipality of the said City, will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, in the said city, on

**Wednesday, the 26th Day of April, 1916**

at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of hearing all complaints against the assessment as made by the Assessor, and of revising, equalizing, and correcting the said Assessment Roll.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C.

City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C., March 7, 1916.

## Colonels—"Hon.," "Pacific" and "Profiteers"

By H. F. G.

Ottawa, April 1.—The spring crop of colonels is on us with a rush. They seem to have come with the recent heavy snow fall descending unnoticed like manna during the night. They are here a month ahead of the maple syrup. Before the first crocus begin to croak these gallant fellows are on the job.

Colonels appeal on the streets of Ottawa and in the corridors of parliament whom we never suspected we had about us. The only way to keep track of these sudden colonels would be to have a good hunting dog—one that could hunt mushrooms.

The public has an altogether wrong idea of these colonels. Fancy loves to dwell on the colonel as somebody that has worked up from the ranks, covering himself with technical knowledge and brave deeds on his way to the top, the victor in many Thanksgiving Day fights. Not so. Thirty-five per cent. of the colonels one sees around here have never learned one end of a gun from the other—at least not from a musketry instructor. What they know is no mere book stuff. Their knowledge is higher than that. Tuition? Pooh! Intuition—that's the word. These are inspired colonels. They don't need to mug things up—they have the gift. They are colonels by the grace of God and Major General Sir Sam Hughes. They are so far above a grovelling knowledge of their profession that only the other day one of them failed to pass the M.P.'s course for provisional lieutenant and was thought all the more of for it. A thing that has always hampered military genius in the field has been a too close adherence to the little red leather text books. Our colonels do not put out their original fire that way. To avoid smothering their flame they pass up text books altogether.

Colonels so far as I have been able to classify them at Ottawa are of three species—real colonels, honorary colonels and political colonels. It's the political colonels I am talking about now. With the end of the war in sight there is a great increase in the number of political colonels. They feel that they can enlist now with little danger of being called on to assist in the deeds of violence taking place in Europe. Taking them by and large I would say that ninety per cent. of the political colonels are in favor of peace and have been ever since the war started. Peace with honor of course. Some people desire peace on national or international grounds. The political colonels go farther than that—they make a personal matter of it. They have always felt that close contact with shrapnel is bad for the health. They are full of moral courage—the courage that stays at home and draws pay while the coarser natures go to the front and win battles. As might be expected, the political colonels are more accustomed to moral victories than to the other kind.

The political colonels are recruited from three sources—from parliament, from the government departments, and from defeated party candidates. Because a prospective colonel was beaten at the last general election is not to say that he can't win a dollar or two out of this world-fight for civilization. I can't say off hand just how many M. P. colonels there are, but they're quite a few, and it's a safe bet that their job as colonel is without prejudice to their sessional indemnity. Questions bearing on this point have been placed on the order paper by inquisitive Liberals, but so far they have not received a straight answer. It's none of their business. The laborer is worthy of his hire and if these heroes are worthy of two jobs at one and the same time it follows that they are worth two salaries. It may gravel them to take the money, but this is no time for a political colonel to stand on his dignity. No sacrifice is too great when the empire is in danger—so the political colonel sacrifices his finer feelings and accepts the double insult. There are political colonels on the job right now who have been drawing nine dollars a day more or less reductantly ever since the war started. Almost six thousand dollars each for staying at home and minding their own business. Truly war is a bountiful jade and thrifty withal. She helps people to save money during the hard times.

The political colonels volunteered, of course, for overseas service, not specifying, however, which side of the sea they were going to remain on. If circumstances have kept them on the hither side of the Atlantic ocean, it is for them to bear their fate like soldiers and gentleman. Fortitude is their long suit. They are passive resisters. Looking at it from a Christian Science point of view, they are in the fight just as much as the colonels at the front. What they give the war is absent treatment. Moreover it costs this country just as much to keep a colonel at home as it costs to send him into the trenches, so he earns his pay wherever he is.

The suspicion grows that we have political regiments as well as political colonels. Else why do we now ship them abroad as soon as they have completed their training? Why chafe their fine spirit and let their esprit de corps go stale through inaction? Reckoning twelve hundred men and officers as full strength, it costs $1,200,000 a year to keep a regiment eating its head off and its heart out at home and some regiments have been at home even longer than $1,200,000 worth. It is good policy to save as many soldiers as we can, but why hoard them? Sir Sam's fine schemes to engage the soldiers is useful labor, tilling the fields, reaping the harvest and such, and paying them extra wages, seems to have dropped out of sight. Instead the Hon. G. Howard Ferguson comes forward with a plan to draft high school boys as farm laborers, allow them their examinations and handicap them four months in their studies.

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We Guarantee
**Saxol Salve**
to stop the itching and begin healing with the first application or return your money. There are lots of skin remedies but Saxol is the only one we guarantee like this. Why don't you try it?
**D. E. CAMPBELL, Druggist,**
VICTORIA, B. C.

### NOTICE

**In the matter of the estate of Victoria Jane Clayton, Late of Monterey avenue, Oak Bay, in the city of Victoria, widow, deceased.**

NOTICE is hereby given that all creditors and others having claims against the above named deceased are required to send in to the undersigned, in care of T. M. Miller, Solicitor, 1103 Langley street, Victoria, B. C., on or before the 25th day of April, 1916, particulars of their claims, verified by Statutory Declaration, together with the particulars of the securities, if any, held by them; and notice is hereby given that on and after the said 25th day of April, 1916, the undersigned will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to claims of which he then shall have notice.

Dated the 23rd day of March, 1916.

F. E. WINSLOW,
Administrator of the estate and effects of Victoria Jane Clayton, deceased.

### TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT.

Notice is hereby given that the Sewer Assessment Roll for the year 1916 has been filed in the Treasurer's Office, Esquimalt, and may there be inspected. Any person dissatisfied with his assessment as shown on the Roll may file a petition against such assessment with the Council not later than May 1, 1916.

G. H. PULLEN, C. M. C.

Dated at Esquimalt this 1st day of April, 1916.

### CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF OAK BAY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sewer and Waterfrontage Assessment Roll for 1916 has been filed in the Treasurer's Office. Any person dissatisfied with his assessment may file a petition against same with the Council not later than May 1 next.

F. W. CLAYTON, Treasurer.

Municipal Hall, Oak Bay, B. C., April 1, 1916.

## OUR LETTER BOX

Letters addressed to the Editor and intended for publication must be short and legibly written. The longer an article the shorter its chance of insertion. All communications must bear the name of the writer. The publication or rejection of articles is a matter entirely in the discretion of the Editor. No responsibility is assumed by the paper for MSS. submitted to the Editor.

### IRISH BATTALION.

To the Editor:—Please permit me to suggest that instead of forming any new battalions every endeavor be made to recruit present battalions to strength. The idea of transferring men to a forming battalion because they happen to be of Irish birth is not only bad economically, but an injustice to those officers who have spent much time and money in combing the province for recruits. Let the patriotic Irishmen roll up and join the C. M. R., for instance, and help these boys get overseas. They'll have to hurry if they want to see any fighting.

Roll up, Oirish! Sergeant O'Leary's bin waitin' for yez this year and a half, an' he's wan th' illigintist Victhoria Cross yez iver saw. Is ut committee meetin's yez wud talk av, an' thim bhoys in thim threnches worrkin' ninety-six 'our shifts an' bein' kilt in the middle av ut? Be jabers! Git a move on yez, or the ladies 'ull be fur startin' a rigimint av Oirish seamsthresses, an' ye'll be just in toime tew be too late fur th' big dhrive intoirely, bad luck to yez!

WALTER FOSTER.

April 3.

### ST. JULIEN.

To the Editor:—It is suggested that April 22 be observed throughout Canada as the anniversary of the battle of St. Julien. This fight began at 5 p. m. on that date and lasted until May 4. Our Canadian troops were relieved on the night of Sunday, April 25. Some of them re-engaged in the battle until Wednesday, April 28, when they also retired to billets.

Either of the dates between April 22 and April 25 is therefore most suitable for commemoration. Few appear to have noted last year that the glorious assault on the wood by our troops took place after midnight, April 22-23, i. e., that it was on St. George's day that Canada's sons, adopted and native born, first proved the "mettle of their breeding" through a day-long fight on the fields of Flanders.

April 23 is not only the day of England's patron saint, but it is the birthday and "deathday" of that greatest Englishman, William Shakespeare, whose tercentenary is being celebrated this year.

Would it not be possible to fix the anniversary of St. Julien for April 23 and so link the imperishable glory of one short year ago with the age-old traditions of England's warrior saint and of him whose "trumpet still sounds to battle"?

HUGH SAVAGE.

Duncan, April 3.

Old lady (to grocer's boy)—Don't you know that it's very rude to whistle when dealing with a lady?" Boy—"That's what the guv-nor told me to do, mum." "Told you to whistle?" "Yes'm. He said if we ever sold you anything we'd have to whistle for the money!"

Phoenix Stout—2 qts. for 25c.

**School Board.**—The next regular meeting of the city school board will be held to-morrow week. It is possible there may be a special meeting before that date, as tenders in connection with the grading of the Victoria West school grounds are awaiting attention. The evening schools are continuing through this week at the request of students. The Easter recess will begin on Thursday, April 20.

## Answers to Times Want Ads.

**The following replies are waiting to be called for:**

19, 44, 60, 68, 82, 109, 167, 179, 209, 219, 261, 316, 338, 461, 837, 1242, 1857, 1867, 1883, 1930, 1936, 1940, 2772, 3231, 3244, 3278, 3373, 3410, E. F., Maywood P. O.

## TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

DIGGONISMS—"The reformer and the show girl are alike in that they are both kickers and both aiming high." Diggon Printing Co., 936 Yates street. Wedding announcements, cake boxes and cards. Get our advice on correct styles. a4

THERE'S A "KNOW HOW" in pressing clothing. Our Service Dept. has it. Cooper & Potts, tailors, 208 Yates street.

CEMENT BUILDING BLOCKS for sale, about 1,000, 10c. a piece. Carpet cleaner to rent at $2 per day. Ferris, Phone 1879. m18

LUMBER, sash, doors, mouldings, shingles, etc., large or small quantities. E. W. Whittington Lumber Co., Ltd. Bridge street and Hillside avenue. Phone 2697. a18

FOR RENT—To desirable tenant, 10 roomed, modern house with large grounds. Oak Bay avenue, close to junction of Fort street. Swinerton & Musgrave, 640 Fort street. a5

TO RENT—Oak Bay, 6-room, new and modern house, $15 per month. Currie & Power, 1214 Douglas street. Phone 1461. a1

FOR SALE—Indian motorcycle, 4 horse power, $90 cash; $65 on terms. Phone 2657L. a5

WANTED—To rent, nicely furnished, modern cottage or bungalow, careful tenant, no children. Apply Kirk & Dunkley, 563 Johnson street. a11

DAILY WORK wanted by a capable person. Phone 4814Q. a10

FOR SALE—Two dairy cows, soon to freshen; one family cow. 2549 Garden street, Bay street, Fernwood. a6

FOR SALE—English piano, in good condition, fine tone, walnut frame, cheap for cash. 4745 Fairfield road, Fowl Bay. Phone 2879R. a10

GOOD, STRONG, EXPRESS WAGON and cover for $45. Apply corner Burnside and Prideaux streets. a6

SMALL STORE, good opening for barber's shop. Phone 4415L. a6

FOR RENT—Four roomed, modern bungalow on Albina street, near Gorge; reasonable rent to careful tenants. Apply corner of Albina and Maddock Ave. a10

WANTED—Strawberry plants. Apply Box 353, Times. a6

WANTED—Rowboat, about 14 feet long; will pay cash if suited. P. O. Box 694. a6

GIRL WANTED for house work. Apply "Bon Accord," 845 Princess avenue. a6

BRIGHT HOUSEKEEPING SUITE, furnished, gas, close in, beautiful sea view, $10. 12 Boyd street. a6

OAK BAY—Beautifully furnished, 5 roomed bungalow, plate, linen; rent $25. Phone 1885L. a6

FURNISHED COTTAGE wanted by 24th, not too far from car line, Fowl Bay preferable; rent must be reasonable; careful tenants. Box 357, Times. a6

TO LET—Commodious store, corner Government and Broughton, formerly occupied by West End Grocery; reasonable rent. Apply R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd. a12

FOR RENT—Three-room cottage, furnished complete, including bed linen, crockery, cutlery, etc., modern; rent $10, including water. Apply 1843 Crescent road, Fowl Bay. Phone 5183L. a6

MOVING PICTURE FILMS—Local company formed to manufacture these under expert management requires further capital. Large output assured. Similar companies in States making enormous profits. Early investors offered ground floor opportunity. Sums of $100 up accepted. Investigate. Box 342, Times. a8

TO RENT—Close in, four roomed, furnished flat, $12; store, $7; store and workroom, $8; corner store, $10. Apply 1212 Quadra street. Phone 759R. a11

EXCHANGE—Gordon Head, 2 acres, 4 roomed house, for 5 roomed house in city. Northwest Real Estate, 719 Yates street. a6

TO LEASE—80 acres, known as "Dean Farm," Richmond road. Green & Burdick, corner Langley and Broughton streets. a6

LOST—Bicycle, Beaver, No. 16774. Will party who stole same from in front new Spencer block, View street, kindly return it. Douglas Mackay & Co. a6

PIANOFORTE LESSONS, 50c. per hour; success guaranteed. Box 363, Times. a13

PROTECT YOUR ROOFS from fire and clean out your own eave troughs. Ladders for sale, 14 ft. to 27 ft. long. Jones, 837 Fort street. Phone 1673L. a4 tf

BOATS, flat bottom, in stock and made to order. Jones, 837 Fort street. Phone 1673L. a4 tf

LOST—Black spaniel pup, 7 months, brown spot on chest, answers to name of Teddy. Reward. 652 Battery. Phone 3240L. a6

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WANTED—Messenger boy, with bicycle. Wilkerson & Brown, 613 Fort street. a4

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FOR SALE—Fine lot on Stannard avenue, Fairfield district, just below Government House, 50x180; only $600 cash. Dalby & Lawson, 615 Fort street. a4

WRINGER MAN for wash room, married man preferred; steady job for right man. Apply at once, New Method Laundry, Ltd., 1015 North Park St. a6

### MEDICAL MASSAGE.

ETHEL GEARY, masseuse, bath and massage parlor, has moved from 1073 Yates street, office No. 10, to Hibben-Bone Bldg., suite 209-210, Victoria, B.C. m4

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the ladies of the L. O. B. A., No. 104, and Primrose Lodge, No. 32, and friends, for kind sympathy and floral offerings during our sad bereavement.

L. CATES, FAMILY AND MISS ALICE BURMANN.

### CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Stubbs and C. B. Maidment wish in this manner to thank all friends for sympathy and flowers in their late bereavement.

# 88TH BATTALION HAS ORDERS TO "STAND BY"

## Will Go to England in Short Time; Companies Being Brought to Willows

There was great joy in the officers' mess and among ranks of the 88th Victoria Fusiliers here to-day when the news went out that Lieut.-Col. Rous Cullin, officer commanding, had just received orders from headquarters to "stand by" and be ready for an early move. The 88th will be the next battalion to go to England.

The 88th have been somewhat unfortunate in having all their companies separated, but in the announcement to-day all this has been forgotten, and the men are highly excited at the prospect of so soon traveling overseas.

The order comes just as Col. Cullin

LIEUT.-COL. ROUS CULLIN

Officer commanding the 88th Victoria Fusiliers.

had good prospects of getting his battalion in one camp again. The men have been scattered for months, and training was held up to some extent. Yesterday afternoon, however, he got notice that the 88th would be now allowed to occupy the quarters of the 67th Western Scots at the Willows, the best quarters there. Following this he ordered the company stationed all winter at Duncan to pack baggage and come to Victoria camp to-morrow, and the company in the Belmont block was ordered to get to the Willows camp by Thursday. These arrangements will not be altered, but the transfers will go forward with increased dispatch now there is a prospect of an early departure.

What little time will be left for training will be taken fullest advantage of by Col. Cullin, who said Saturday that his whole battalion was drill perfect, and with a little more training would be one of the best battalions yet recruited here.

## LOCAL NEWS

**Wedding Invitations,** either printed or engraved—the correct kind. Sweeney-McConnell, Ltd., 1012 Langley street.

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Five watchmakers to-day, where a year ago there was but one. Satisfied customers did it, for F. L. Haynes, next to Hibben-Bone Building.

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**Madame Russell,** 502 Campbell block. Phone 5460.

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**Two Calls of Fire.**—A chimney fire at the residence of D'Arcy Tate, K. C., 1442 Rockland avenue, gave the department a run yesterday, as did also a brush fire in the same district.

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**Phoenix Beer—2 qts., for 25c**

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**Girls' Sewing Circle.**—The Girls' Sewing Circle of the Shelbourne street hall will give an entertainment on Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. A good programme of songs, recitations, etc., has been prepared.

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**New Stores to Be Built.**—A promise of revival of building operations is afforded by the issuance of a permit to-day for frame stores at the corner of Fort street and Mount Tolmie road, for A. F. Preston. S. F. Flannagan has the contract. The amount is $3,000.

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**Inquest on Chinaman.**—An inquest was held this morning on Gong Chew Zat, aged 29 years, who died under an anaesthetic at the Jubilee hospital, while on the operating table. A verdict of natural causes was returned.

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**Inquest To-morrow.**—The inquest on the body of John Legard, who fell from the Queen City on February 18, when she was loading at the C. P. R. wharf, will be held to-morrow morning. The body was recovered yesterday.

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**Lumber Prospects on Island.**—Some improvement in the lumber industry on Vancouver Island is reported, the Island mills now shipping daily 25 to 30 cars. The largest producer is the Victoria Lumber Company's mill at Chemainus, which is cutting from its limits at Cowichan Lake. The Port Alberni mill, the Ladysmith Lumber Co., and the Shawnigan Lake Lumber Company are among other lumber companies making considerable daily shipments, and while some of the mills are still inactive from various causes, the majority are feeling the effect of brighter conditions in the industry. From Comox activity in the logging camps of the controlling company which owns the Fraser Mills is reported.

# MINISTER RULED IN SUB-CONTRACTS

## Contractor on the Parliament Buildings Forced to Accept Highest Tenders

## GOVERNMENT FRIENDS WERE THE TENDERERS

## Cooper's Financial Agent Does Not Know of His Investments Beyond $5,000

Legislative Press Gallery,
April 4.

While the public accounts committee has only begun the inquiry into the cost of the parliament buildings extension, enough was elicited this morning to prove the opposition contention that the contractors, McDonald & Wilson, of Vancouver, were forced to engage favored sub-contractors, friends of the government, at figures in excess of what other tenderers would have done the several portions of the work for.

McDonald has quite a large claim against the government for money that he asserts was paid out by him in this way, and which he says the government was to recoup him.

There is a great deal ahead of the committee in the way of investigations which the Liberal members desire to conduct, but there is not any desire apparent on the part of the Conservative members of the committee—nor of the House, for that matter—to implement the premier's promise that the session would be prolonged to the period of its third death, June 1, to enable the opposition to make good on charges of extravagance.

Estimates are now out of the way, the amount of government measures on the paper or in sight is not so great as to take up more than a couple of weeks, even without night or morning sessions, and the general impression is that the session will end when these are disposed of. Whatever the intentions of the premier are he will find that his followers will not remain in session for the benefit of his bluff.

This morning the public accounts committee heard some evidence in connection with the parliament buildings contracts and the Songhees reserve sale commission, and will meet again to-morrow.

Contracts and Papers.

Alfred Hood, chief clerk in the department of public works, produced the contracts and other papers in connection with the construction of the wings and library. Eight tenders were received for the work and the contract was awarded to McDonald & Wilson. They were not the lowest tenderers. There were two, one from D. Matheson, Vancouver, $885,755, which was not in order because no certified cheque accompanied it, and the Sound Construction Engineer Company, New Westminster, of which John Hastie is president, which tendered at $931,000. McDonald & Wilson tendered at $970,250, but this was reduced by $20,000, and the contract was let at $950,250. The then deputy, Capt. Foster, had reported, as he understood, that the Sound Construction Company was a foreign company, but he was not sure what standing it was eventually decided to have. The company was understood to be a Seattle concern, and Hastie was from across the line, although a resident of New Westminster for some years.

Mr. Thomson explained that this company had built the Hudson's Bay block here, and had incorporated as the British Columbia Construction Company.

The tenders were made in August, 1911, the fifteenth being the day for reception, and on August 28 a second tender was put in by McDonald & Wilson. So far as Mr. Hood knew no opportunity was given to the other tenderers to submit new tenders. Other tenderers were Smith & Sherborne, Vancouver, $977,800; J. L. Skene & Co., $985,000; Westholme Lumber Co., $995,000; Armstrong, Morrison Co., $1,008,641; Thomas Catterall, Ltd., $1,055,682.

Mr. Macdonald asked if any of the sub-contractors were American firms, but Mr. Hood did not remember offhand.

Steel Stacks For Library.

The sub-contract for the steel stacks for the library was instanced by Mr. Macdonald as let to a New York firm, Snood & Co. Chairman Watson wanted to send for the librarian instanter to find out if these could be procured in Canada, but Mr. Macdonald insisted on keeping control of the order of the inquiry.

Mr. Hood explained that the practice in the matter of sub-contracts was that the contractor submitted the names to the department, and these were dealt with between the architect, F. M. Rattenbury, and the contractors.

Mr. Macdonald—"And the minister of public works had in his hands the control of sub-letting of contracts?"

"Yes, I suppose you would call it control."

"In the case of the excavation, for instance, we know that George A. Fraser, the druggist, of Victoria, got the sub-contract?"

"McDonald sent a letter which I have here, but he gave no figures. He said there were other tenders."

Mr. Brewster—"The contractor simply submitted the names to the department without any figures of the amounts of their tenders, as I understand?"

"That is the fact."

Mr. Macdonald—"Whose name was the excavation contract in?"

"Fraser & Webber."

"Who is Webber?"

"I do not know."

"I notice that in McDonald's claim he sets out a statement of preferences given various sub-contractors. Fraser's tender was for $14,000 and that of Campbell Brothers, Vancouver, was for $11,000, so that there is a preference of $3,000 given Fraser and a consequent enhancement of the cost of the building to that extent. Do you know anything about that?"

"I never saw the figures."

"Mr. Mackay—The figures between the contractor and his sub-contactors would not be of interest to the department?"

"I should hardly think so."

Mr. Macdonald—"The main contractor would only be interested in getting his sub-contracts at the lowest possible figures?"

"I would suppose so. I do not think that in any sub-contract the figures were submitted to the department, speaking from the records."

Mr. Thomson—"It would be a matter of business for the contractor."

Mr. Brewster—"Also a matter of favoritism with the government department."

Mr. Macdonald—"If the committee wants an instance of that it is there in the excavation sub-contract. A contractor does not give a sub-contract to the highest tenderer in his own interest. If he lets a contract to the highest tenderer there must be a political reason."

The chairman wanted to know how long this inquiry would occupy and on being told that it would take some time he remarked that the session was getting on.

"We have till the first of June, you know," said Mr. Brewster.

The chairman laughingly remarked that he had other business to think of than staying here until then. June was a long time ahead and summer was coming on.

Songhees Inquiry.

In the Songhees matter W. J. Cave was examined by Mr Macdonald and stated that he was an accountant and had been confidential clerk to the late H. D. Helmcken. He was familiar with Mr. Helmsken's business and knew that he had large influence with the Indians on the Songhees reserve.

So far as he knew Michael Cooper got $11,000 and $25,000 out of the Songhees settlement. Cooper did not place any money with him to invest nor with Mr. Helmcken, so far as he knew. These were placed in the books of Drake, Jackson & Helmcken. On April 29, 1912, there was a payment as loan on real estate to Rupert Skelton of $2,250 for three years, and later a loan of a similar amount. John Allen got $300 for twelve months on May 7, 1915, but it might be an old debt. For lot 128, Craigdarroch, Cooper himself paid $2,750 in March, 1912. Mr. Matson owned this property and Cooper bought it from him, as he told witness.

Mr. Thomson and Mr. Mackay pressed witness as to whether Mr. Matson really owned this land or was acting as agent.

Cave said Cooper told him he bought from Mr. Matson. He knew nothing more about any investments of Cooper's beyond this $7,250, the $300 and $2,750 transactions not passing through his hands at all. He knew nothing about Cooper's banking or bank-books. Mr. Helmcken had certified bank-books in the office but he never examined them at all.

Mr. Mackay asked if the Indians ever paid Mr. Helmcken anything for the legal work he did for them.

Mr. Cave said they did not so far as he knew, although work to the value of thousands of dollars was done for them.

Mr. Brewster asked him if he knew whether Mr. Helmcken ever paid the Indians money.

The witness did not know of any such payments at any time, but said that for over sixteen years he had gone over to the reserve every Christmas with Mr. Helmcken to distribute cigars among them.

Mr. Brewster told the committee that it had been hoped to get from Mr. Cave some idea of Cooper's disposition of the large sum he knew, but there was only $7,250 accounted for out of $40,000. It was to be presumed that he had a bank account somewhere and this should be available for the committee before the inquiry went any further.

The committee decided to recall Cooper and order him to produce his bank-books, cheques and all information as to his disposition of the money he derived from the settlement of the Songhees reserve.

C. C. Pemberton will appear to-morrow to explain a payment to his firm on account of the site near Church Hill for the proposed new Victoria court house. For this site there was paid $75,000, and this appears in the public accounts for 1912-13 under a fictitious vote number in the same way as the Kitsilano reserve matter. The sum was paid out in two amounts, $58,875 to Mr. Pemberton for lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 28 and 29, Map 35, B., and $16,125 to Robertson and Helsterman due on a mortgage.

## OBITUARY RECORD

Laura Ella Skipworth, the 9-months'-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Skipworth, of 2510 Bridge street, died yesterday morning. The funeral, which is being arranged by the Sands Funeral Company, will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the above residence, 30 minutes later service will be conducted by Rev. Baugh-Allen at the chapel at the naval cemetery, where interment will take place.

Gong Chew Zat, a native of China, aged 29 years, died on Sunday at the Royal Jubilee hospital. He lived here for the past six months. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

The remains of Mrs. Elizabeth Sophia Turnbull, wife of Mr. James Turnbull, were forwarded last night by the Sands Funeral Company, via Vancouver to St. Boswell's, Saskatchewan, where interment will be made.

# ASK LICENSING OF COMMISSION DEALERS

## Agriculture Committee Hears Deputation on This Subject From Victoria

Legislative Press Gallery,
April 4.

The committee on agriculture met this morning under the chairmanship of Alex. Lucas (Yale), and considered several matters which were referred to it in the way of petitions from the farming community, were introduced by members or were raised by deputations which waited upon it.

The findings of the committee and its recommendations will be presented to the government and the House in the course of a few days.

There were present before the committee Dr. S. F. Tolmie and George Sangster, president and secretary of the B. C. Agricultural Association; Thomas Walker, George Stewart, Keatings; Charles Castle and C. H. Lugrin.

The following memorandum was placed before the committee and discussed:

In order to obviate and relieve the situation that has in the past been a very serious one in connection with the consignment of fruit and farm produce to commission merchants, we would strongly urge upon the agricultural committee that some immediate relief and better control of the situation be brought in by legislation this session. The points we want covered are these:

1. That each consignment of fruit or produce that is sent in for sale on a commission basis to the commission merchant should be given a distinctive number, and that number put on each packet with a rubber stamp.

2. That account sales be rendered by the commission merchant, showing the disposition of each sale made, and the gross price obtained by the commission merchant. That account sales be rendered on Monday of each week, showing to whom the sales were made, the prices obtained, the charges and commission agreed upon to be deducted.

3. A settlement of these account sales to be made on or before the Thursday following, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by the parties consigning the goods.

4. That any infraction of the above arrangements shall be liable to severe penalties, as under the law it should some under misappropriation of funds in trust.

Should regulations of this kind be brought in, they might be added to the Sales of Goods Act and they will be of no detriment to the best class of commission merchants, but they will have a most salutory effect on commission firms who in the past have not adhered to the principles of consignment as set forth above.

5. That all produce commission merchants be required to take out a license and furnish bonds conditional on such merchants properly accounting to and paying over, to the consignor the full price realized for the sale on commission of consignments of produce received by him, less all lawful deductions therefrom, such as freight, weighing, warehousing, or other lawful charges, and deductions including such merchant's charge for commission.

The Agricultural Association, among other requests, asks that the bounty on panthers be increased, and protests against the proposal of the premier to cut the bounty on coyotes in two.

## TO LIMIT MEN ELIGIBLE

### Too Sweeping a Report on Employees is Referred Back by City Council.

What was described by Alderman Walker as a "very arbitrary decision" occupied a considerable time in city council last evening. It was a report on the rule to be enforced against inside employees regarding their domicile in the city.

It developed that the rule is not strictly enforced against men on the outside service, and that the efficiency of the departments would suffer if the matter was forced to its logical conclusion against everyone.

The committee had recommended the adoption of the following policy:

1. That civic employees shall be British subjects.

2. That they shall be bona fide residents of Victoria.

3. That they shall be married men, or having relatives in the city dependent on them for maintenance.

The third clause led to objection from several quarters, while with regard to the matter of domicile, it was stated that the ownership of property in the city had been declared sufficient for rendering men eligible for employment, and to change the rule at this stage would be unjust.

The report was referred back for further consideration.

**Pheasant Walks Into Store.**—Attracted apparently by the sound of music from a gramophone in the store, a large cock pheasant walked boldly through the front entrance of Fletcher's music store on Government street yesterday, and had covered nearly the length of the floor before the surprised clerks were able to catch it. Later the bird was taken out into the country and released.

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**Two Claims for Tag Day.**—The French Patriotic Society and the French Red Cross Society have both appealed to the city council for the national holiday of France, July 14, to be set aside as a tag day. Tag days have become common of late, but this is the first time two societies have wanted the same day. The French Patriotic Society, having applied first, will receive municipal sanction.

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**Phoenix Beer—2 qts., for 25c**


GILLETT'S LYE

# "COMMITTEE OF 100" IN CONVENTION HERE

## Big Meeting of Prohibitionists in Session at Old Victoria Theatre To-day

"The Committee of 100" of the People's Prohibition Movement was represented by more than 250 delegates who met this morning in convention at the old Victoria theatre. Jonathan Rogers, the president of the organization, was in the chair, and there were present with him on the platform and on the floor of the auditorium scores of prominent prohibitionists and business men of the province.

Considerable routine business, including the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, was disposed of, and just before the meeting adjourned for the noon recess three resolutions were brought in by the committee on resolutions.

The first of these was a resolution of appreciation at the reply of Premier Bowser to the delegation which visited him a few weeks ago in connection with the matter of prohibition in British Columbia.

The second resolution was one of appreciation to Mr. Brewster, leader of the Liberal party, and the organization which he represented, for the favorable reply which they had given to a communication from the People's Prohibition Movement asking him to make a statement as to his own and his party's stand on the subject.

The third resolution, moved by Dr. Ernest Hall, requesting all political parties to put into the field only such candidates as were pledged to prohibition, was tabled until the afternoon, in order that the matter might be given free discussion. The first two resolutions were passed unanimously.

Addressing the meeting Mr. Rogers referred with great satisfaction to the splendid representation of prohibition supporters present. The movement had evidently grown greatly since the last meeting of the "committee of 100" in Vancouver. Up to the present the committee had not met with a single reverse in any point which it had attacked. They were proud that they had not a single Liberal, a single Conservative, or a single Socialist in the meeting. They were all citizens of British Columbia out for prohibition and nothing else.

The question of compensation was also dealt with in very strong terms by Mr. Rogers, who stoutly maintained that the stand of the organization should be sternly against compensating the liquor men who would be put out of business next year by any anti-liquor legislation.

"We cannot value the thing in dollars and cents," he stated. "We have our own side, if it comes down to compensation, the young children, for instance, whose lives have been kept from the best development by the intemperance of their fathers. We will consent rather to the delay of prohibition for ten years rather than consent to compensation. I want this convention to go on record to-day that it decides to stand or fall by holding out against this."

Mr. Rogers expressed the confident hope that before two years the whole of the Dominion east of British Columbia, at least, would be "dry." British Columbia must not stand behind, and make itself the cesspool of the nation where people who did not believe in prohibition would come to make their homes.

Among those who spoke during the morning were Mr. Finlay, of Manitoba, who was introduced amidst applause. He noted with pleasure, he said, the serious earnestness of the meetings he had attended, both in Vancouver and here. The new Enabling Act of the Dominion government he referred to as a great assistant to a great Dominion ideal which would make it possible for Canada to raise a high standard for other overseas dominions in the empire.

The reports of the organization committee were read, from all parts of the province the most optimistic forecast being returned. H. J. Knott reported for Vancouver Island. Mrs. Spofford, provincial president of the W. C. T. U., was present, and by request of the chairman addressed the meeting, stating that it was source of much gratification to the body which she represented to see that after thirty-three years' educational work in the province they were likely to have some sweeping results at last.

**Motor Car But No Driver.**—The city council has decided to sell the old motor cars and motorcycles belonging to the city engineering department, and buy one new car, of which the city engineer and his assistant will have sole use. The council has refused an appropriation for a driver.

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**Parent Teachers' Association.**—The Parent Teachers' Association in connection with Craigflower school will meet at the school on Wednesday, April 5, at 2.30. Mrs. Hutchinson will address the meeting. The hostesses for the afternoon will be Mesdames Holmes, Black, Hemar, Ball and Hobbs.

# WILL ELECT NEW MODERATOR TO-NIGHT

## Presbyterian Synod Will Begin Its Sessions Here; Mass Meetings

The Presbyterian Synod of British Columbia will open to-night at the First Presbyterian church here. The sessions will last until Thursday evening when a great public mass meeting will be held at which the Rev. Principal John MacKay, B. A., D. D., will be the chief speaker.

To-night the opening exercises will

REV. HUGH ROSS

be started at eight o'clock, the special music for the occasion will be supplied by a massed choir, and the sermon will be preached by the retiring moderator, the Rev. R. J. Douglas.

The principle feature of the evening will be the election of a new moderator. It seems very probable that the Rev. Principal MacKay will be the choice of the synod.

To-morrow night Victorians will have the pleasure of hearing Rev. Hugh Ross, M. A., of Seattle, who will deliver a special address before the mass meeting. These gatherings are all open to the public, and a special invitation is issued for the opening services to-night, and the two mass meetings on Wednesday and Thursday.

## Personals

William Hugh, hon. secretary-treasurer of the Beekeepers Association of British Columbia, left for Vancouver on the 2.30 boat yesterday to attend the quarterly business meeting of the association which will be held to-morrow. Mr. Hugh will read a paper to the gathering of beemen who will attend from all parts of the lower mainland.

### REPORTED KILLED.

Cpl. A. H. Bayntun, 2nd C. M. R., is reported to have been killed in action in France. He joined the unit in November, 1914, and before that was for fourteen months in the corps of guides. He was thirty-five years old and married. He formerly resided at Maywood.

**Saanich Paving.**—Grading work is in progress on Gorge road. It is expected that the section between Harriett road and Tillicum road will be ready for surfacing in about a week's time, and that by the time this section is completed a considerable section west of Tillicum road will be ready for the contractors. The portion of Douglas street, between Saanich road and the city boundary, which was partly done last fall, will have to be resurfaced. Probably the Carey road from the intersection of Saanich road will be proceeded with at an early date, for the project calls for permanent work to Glanford avenue. On the East road, the paving can be carried north from Royal Oak for about two miles, working from the No. 1 plant at Lake Hill, and eventually will be connected by operations controlled from the No. 2 quarry at Elk Lake. The Warren company proposes shortly to bring into the municipality a plant now operating at Coquitlam to supplement its equipment.

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**Phoenix Stout—2 qts. for 25c.**

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**Development Association.**—The annual meeting of the Victoria and Island Development Association will be held at the office, Pemberton block, on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when the annual reports will be presented.

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# TWO YEARS IN JAIL FOR SERIOUS OFFENCE

"Revolting and Disgraceful," is the Magistrate's Comment

On two charges of gross indecency the police magistrate this morning sent Walter Ahern to prison for two years, the sentences to run concurrently.

The prisoner is a man of excellent military record, having served in several campaigns, and being wounded at Festubert last spring. His honor termed the cases "the most revolting and disgraceful" he had ever listened to in that court.

A middle aged man named Charles Harrington who came into court with both eyes blackened, his nose in a bandage, and with another bandage on the forehead and a third on the head, appeared to give evidence against John Macdonald, a younger man, who was charged with assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Last Saturday afternoon according to Harrington, Macdonald, who has been working intermittently on the reserve, where Harrington is a foreman, attacked the latter. They were coming out of the Tourist hotel, when Macdonald felled Harrington with a blow, and when he came round he found himself in the gutter. A witness saw Macdonald strike Harrington several times on the ground and then kick him.

At this stage accused asked for an adjornment to secure evidence, which was granted till to-morrow. The city prosecutor, in applying to have Macdonald provide sureties for appearance, termed the matter "a very serious assault."

A man charged with being drunk made such a touching appeal to be allowed to join the whaling tender Gray on her return to port that the magistrate listened sympathetically to his plea. It is seldom that an advocate puts up such a good case for his client as the man did for himself.

Much of the court's time was occupied with a case of alleged theft in which $31, a standard dictionary, and a white handled razor, are said to have been stolen.

The accused, James Falcona, who is a Greek, was charged with the theft of these articles which belonged to Thomas and George Baptis, two fellow countrymen. He left for Seattle on Thursday, and was arrested when leaving the boat. Detective Heather, who received him from the custody of the Seattle police, did not find a razor, but prisoner was well supplied with money. The dictionary already had been sold to another Greek youth.

The defence set up was that Falcona was well supplied with money, and had no occasion to steal. The book had been in his possession since November last, it was stated.

The case was remanded till to-morrow after a number of members of the Greek colony had told their story.

H. Trenchard was fined $5 for failing to report a minor automobile accident.


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# PRES. WILSON STILL AWAITS EVIDENCE

Washington, April 4.—In the absence of conclusive evidence on the recent attacks on ships carrying Americans, President Wilson and the cabinet to-day again postponed decision on the course to be pursued by the United States. No steps will be determined until additional information in the cases of the Sussex, Englishman and Manchester Engineer has been received.

Great Britain's replies to American protests against mail seizures and detention of passengers on the steamship China also were laid before the cabinet. Neither reply is satisfactory. Further steps in the China case will be taken soon.

# ONTARIO COMMITTEE THREW OUT BILL TO ALTER BERLIN'S NAME

Toronto, April 4.—The private bills committee of the legislature to-day threw out the bill to change the name of the town of Berlin. Strong objection was raised by the people of German origin. The committee decided that the only way it could be changed would be by a vote of the people, despite the fact that the supporters of the bill declared that a vote would only raise a race cry and probably bring about bloodshed.

**Found**—A reliable watchmaker and jeweler. Haynes, next to Hibben Bone Building.

# CRUSHING REPLY TO WILSON'S PROTEST

Allies Will Continue to Search Mails, Stopping Goods for Germany

## NO PROTEST WHEN ENEMY SANK MAIL VESSELS

Washington, April 4.—The governments of the entente nations, through the British ambassador, yesterday presented to the secretary of state a joint reply to the protest made by the United States against the seizure, detention and censoring of neutral mails. It declares that no legitimate letter mail has been confiscated, nor any treaty rights violated, but emphatically asserts the allies' intention to continue searching parcel post packages for contraband "concealed under postal folders."

In regard to "true correspondence," the note says the allied governments "will continue for the present to refrain from seizing and confiscating at sea these correspondences, letters and dispatches, and that they will insure the most rapid transition of them possible, as soon as the genuineness of their character is known."

The protest of the United States against the treatment of neutral mails was based largely on evidence in the possession of the state department, that while mails had not always been searched at sea, neutral ships, upon being taken into British ports for inspection, had their mails removed, detained and otherwise interfered with. The reply does not mention this phase of the controversy. The protest was in the form of a memorandum of instructions to Ambassador Page, at London.

Will Continue.

The allied governments assert their right to search general mail in the following language:

"That the inviolability of postal correspondence, stipulated by Convention No. 11 of The Hague treaty, 1907, carries by no means any prejudices to the rights of the allied governments to visit, and if need be, to stop and seize, the goods which are falsely deposited in the covers, envelopes or letters contained in the mail sacks."

The allied governments' note cites many instances of contraband found in mail seized, some packages containing such articles as rubber and even revolvers. The note also cites instances where the German or Austro-Hungarian naval authorities have destroyed, without warning or previous inspection, mail boats with postal bags on board coming from or going to neutral or allied countries, "without caring for the inviolability of the dispatches and correspondence which they contained any more than for the inoffensive persons on board these steamers," and remarks: "It is not within the knowledge of the allied governments that any protestation concerning postal correspondence has ever been addressed to the imperial governments of Germany and Austro-Hungary."

Many Articles.

The memorandum specifically denies that the allies copied or censored any legitimate postal correspondence. It discusses the number of vessels from which contraband has been removed. The examination of the Danish steamship Helligolav, which was taken into Kirkwall, has just been completed by the British authorities, but not in time for its case to be included in the memorandum.

It is officially stated, however, that in the second class mails carried by the Helligolav were found considerable quantities of sample rubber gloves and dental rubber done up in newspapers.

It also is stated that cereals, coffee, tea, cocoa, sausages, condensed milk, soap, lard, olive oil and innumerable small packages of bacon were found in the letter post. Four sheets of some metal, as yet unidentified, were discovered between photo card boards.

The note also says:

"Among other new examples it would be sufficient to quote 1,320 parcel packages containing altogether 437,510 kilograms of rubber for Hamburg (steamships Tijuca, Bahia, Jaguaribe, Maranhao, Acre, Linda, Para and Brazil), or, again, 69 parcels containing 400 revolvers for Germany via Amsterdam (steamship Gelria).

How Enemy Acts.

"Concerning the shipping of letters, folders or envelopes entrusted to the postal service and commonly posted in the postal bags of the postal administrations of the countries from which the shipping is made, the allied governments call the attention of the neutral government to the following considerations:

"From December 31, 1914, to December 31, 1915, the German or Austro-Hungarian naval authorities destroyed without warning or previous inspection, 31 mail boats with the postal bags on board coming from or going to neutral or allied countries without caring for the inviolability of the dispatches and correspondence which they contained any more than for the inoffensive persons on board these steamers.

"The following letter from the German house of G. Vogelman & Co., dated at Hamburg, Geokengiesserwall, No. 16, December 15, 1915, is particularly instructive:

"Translation:

"'From a certain date we have been receiving regularly from Para shipments of rubber, and you may pay attention to this matter. The shipments take place like "samples without value," ordered, by each post about 200 packages, each containing about 320 grams net weight of rubber. The trouble of making the packages and the high price of mailing are amply covered by the high price received here for the merchandise.'"

# SIR THOMAS WHITE SPEAKS ON INQUIRY

Says Door is Open for Commission to Investigate Other Matters

Ottawa, April 4.—Before the resumption to-day of the debate on Sir Wilfrid Laurier's resolution for an inquiry into the acts of the shell committee, the leader of the opposition took occasion to deny the report that he had been summoned to Rideau Hall to confer with the Duke of Connaught in regard to this matter. Sir Wilfrid said that there was no truth in this report.

Sir Thomas White, in continuing his argument, denied that there had been any exercise of political patronage in connection with the letting of contracts by the shell committee. He said that the statements made by Messrs. Caryell and Kyte in regard to the failure of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company to get contracts were far from the truth.

"Yet Mr. Kyte," said the minister, said that this company desired to manufacture shells."

A Special Body.

Coming to the fuse contracts the American Ammunition Company and the International Fuse Company, Sir Thomas said that the government of Canada could not be held responsible for the contracts entered into by the shell committee, as the committee was a special body.

Producing the contract with the American Ammunition Company, he asked the House to remember that the Shell Committee, although appointed by the minister of militia, was purchasing shells, etc., on the behalf of the Imperial government. The ratification of contract by the minister of militia, he said, made it clear on the face of the matter that he did this on behalf of the British government.

"Sir Sam Hughes simply confirmed the contract on behalf of the Imperial government," he said.

Why a Commission.

Mr. Pugsley—"If this government has nothing to do with the contract, why should this government appoint a royal commission to inquire into it under provisions of the Inquiries Act?"

Sir Thomas replied that if Mr. Pugsley would exercise patience he would get his reply. Sir Thomas produced the form of guarantee given by the Guaranty Trust Company, of New York, to indicate that there was ample protection for the moneys advanced by the Shell Committee in connection with the fuse contracts.

Referring to the agreement between Yoakum, Basset and Caldwell for the division of $1,000,000, Sir Thomas said he had no knowledge of this agreement, and as it would be dealt with by the royal commission he would not attempt to discuss it.

As to the agreement between Yoakum, Allison and Liganti for a division of the profits and the other contracts in which these parties were interested, Sir Thomas said that the four contracts which the royal commission would inquire into were the contracts with which Mr. Kyte connected Col. J. W. Allison. Sir Thomas declared that these were contracts of which the Dominion government had no knowledge whatever.

No Opinion.

"I do not propose to pass any opinion upon these contracts," he said.

"The point I desire to make is that the name of Allison is associated with these four contracts and with no other as far as I am aware."

The minister went on to say that Mr. Kyte had introduced a distinctly new element into the debate. Hitherto, there had been no charge, direct or indirect, against any member of the government or member of the shell committee. Mr. Kyte had said that it was on account of the influence of the minister of militia that Col. J. W. Allison had been able to secure these contracts.

Door Open.

Sir Thomas emphasized that fact that the order in council appointing the commission leaves the door open for a reference to it of other matters by order in council, thus affording free and complete machinery for the investigation of any charge relating to any member of the government.

The minister said he had been surprised at the attitude of Sir Wilfrid Laurier when the personnel of the commission was announced by the prime minister. One wondered if Sir Wilfrid really desired to get at the facts.

"All the facts," remarked Sir Wilfrid.

"What objection can my right honorable friend have to a commission to inquire into all the facts?" asked Sir Thomas.

Scope too Narrow.

"Not all," replied Sir Wilfrid.

Sir Thomas said that a parliamentary committee could not possibly reach as fair and unbiased an opinion as a royal commission. Before a committee, rumor, assertion and inuendo would take the place of evidence.

In appointing a royal commission the government was following good precedent. The commission could have no other object than to ascertain all the facts, to investigate and to report.

E. M. Macdonald Replied.

Sir Thomas gave as another reason why there should be no inquiry by a committee of the House that there are confidential matters between the Shell Committee and the imperial authorities which it is not in the interest of the people to make public.

Sir Thomas finished at 5 o'clock and was replied to by E. M. Macdonald, Liberal, Pictou, N. S.

Mr. Macdonald said that in view of the fact that he had perjured himself in giving evidence before the Davidson commission, the minister of justice should cause a charge of perjury to be laid against Col. J. W. Allison so that he could be extradited without delay.

Sir Wilfrid probably will not speak until this evening.

# GOVT. OF BRITAIN WANTS NINE BILLION

Mr. McKenna Presented War Budget in House of Commons To-day

## SUM OF $2,250,000,000 ALREADY IS IN SIGHT

London, April 4.—Right Hon. Reginald McKenna presented his fourth war budget to the House of Commons to-day with a cheerfulness which would have been deemed incredible a year ago.

The budget calls for $9,000,000,000 or thereabouts for the fiscal year just opening, or nine times the national expenditure in the last year of peace. Yet, on the basis of existing taxation, he already has in sight a revenue of $2,250,000,000, or 2¼ times that of the last year of peace.

His estimated income for 1915-16 has been exceeded by $15,000,000 and his estimated expenditure was $15,500,000 over the amount actually spent. All this indicates how astoundingly strong is Britain's financial position. Within the past three months alone $850,000,000 have poured into the treasury in taxes, a revenue of $750,000,000 in payment for 5 per cent. exchequer bonds and $500,000,000 for treasury bills. These huge payments have been made quietly from day to day, leaving the money markets almost undisturbed. One heavy new item of expenditure is the special rent and other concessions in relief of the civil obligations of enlisted married men.

# TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, April 4.—Holidays on the American markets seem to be disastrous to the Winnipeg market. Several times to-day prices looked as if they were going to slump, but wheat closed here only ⅛c. down for May, ⅜c. down for July, and ⅛c. down for October. Oats closed ⅛c. up for May and 1⅛c. down for July. Trade in July was very dull and this partly accounted for the difference between the two futures. In barley there was a decrease of ⅛c. in May, with an increase of ⅛c. in cash. Flax was down 2⅛c. for both months. After the strong market of Monday a reaction took place to-day, and though prices did not decline much the market was nervous. Early in the morning a lot of stop-loss orders were encountered which made the drop about two cents. All day prices see-sawed as the result of a scalping market. There was little if any buying of any class and practically no outside interest, the farmers holding their wheat. All the trading was professional. Foreign buyers were credited with some reselling in the local market. Exporters did nothing and reports from the seaboard did not indicate any trade there. One or two took advantage of the break to buy lightly in futures. In the cash trade there was no demand, with offerings heavier than usual. Exporters are holding off altogether. Spreads were wider by about ⅛c. for all grades. Oats was like wheat, while there was a fair demand for barley and nothing doing in flax.

| | Open. | Close. |
|---|---|---|
| Wheat— | | |
| May | 120½-¾ | 119¼ |
| July | 121⅛-⅜ | 120 |
| Oct. | 115½ | .. |
| Oats— | | |
| May | 43¾ | 43½ |
| July | 42 | 42 |
| Barley— | | |
| May | 63 | 63 |
| Flax— | | |
| May | 197 | 194 |
| July | 195½ | 195½ |

Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 118½; 2 Nor., 116; 3 Nor., 112; No. 4, 110½; No. 5, 101¾; No. 6, 93¾; feed, 88¾.

Oats—2 C. W., 42¾; 3 C. W., 40¾; extra 1 feed, 40¾; 1 feed, 38¾; 2 feed, 37¾.

Barley—No. 3, 62½; No. 4, 57½; rejected, 52½; feed, 52½.

Flax—1 N. W. C., 191¾; 2 C. W., 188¾.

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## MONTREAL STOCKS

(By F. A. Borden & Co.)

Montreal, April 4.—To-day's local market was strong throughout in spite of the easiness in the American markets. The steel shares were very active and gained substantial fractions. Cement common was strong early, but subsequently lost its advance on profit taking.

Brazilian Traction rose above its minimum (54), fixed by the clearing house at the beginning of the war, considerable stock-changing hands at 55 and above.

The close was generally a fraction below the best quotations of the day. Dominion War Loan sold at 97¾.

| | High. | Low. | Close. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ames Holden, com. | 30 | 29 | 29 |
| Do., pref. | 75¾ | 74½ | 75 |
| Bell Telephone | .. | .. | 146 B |
| Brazilian Traction | 55¾ | 54 | 55 |
| C. P. R. | .. | .. | 166½B |
| Can. Cement, com. | 59 | 57½ | 58 |
| Do., pref. | .. | .. | 92 B |
| Can. S. S., com. | 20 | 19½ | 19½ |
| Do., pref. | 77 | 77 | 77 |
| Can. Locomotive | 59½ | 59 | 59 |
| Can. Cottons | 44¾ | 44½ | 44½ |
| Crown Reserve | .. | .. | 47 B |
| Can. Car Fdy., com. | 68 | 68 | 68 |
| Do., pref. | .. | .. | 98 A |
| Cedar Rapids | 74 | 74 | 74 |
| Can. Gen. Elec. | .. | .. | 110 B |
| Dom. Bridge | 210 | 210 | 210 |
| Dom. Canners | .. | .. | 31 A |
| Dom. I. & S. | 48¾ | 47¾ | 48½ |
| Dom. Textile | 79¾ | 78½ | 79½ |
| Ills. Trac. | .. | .. | 61 A |
| Lake of Woods Milling | .. | .. | 130 B |
| Lyall Constn. Co. | 70 | 70 | 70 |
| Laurentide Co. | .. | .. | 180 B |
| Laurentide Power | .. | .. | 56 B |
| Mackay Co. | .. | .. | 79½P |
| MacDonald Company | .. | .. | 17½B |
| Montreal Power | 239 | 238 | 238½ |
| N. S. Steel, com. | 107¾ | 107 | 107 |
| Ontario Steel | 33 | 31 | 33 |
| Ogilvie Flour Co. | .. | .. | 130 B |
| Ottawa Power | .. | .. | 129 A |
| Penmans, Ltd. | 63 | 63 | 63 |
| Quebec Railway | 21 | 19½ | 21 |
| Shawinigan | 131 | 131 | 131 |
| Steel of Can., com. | 48¾ | 47½ | 48 |
| Toronto Railway | .. | .. | 111 A |
| Twin City | .. | .. | 95 B |
| Winnipeg Elec. | .. | .. | 180 A |


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# Financial News

# SEVERAL ISSUES HAD HIGHER PRICE RANGE

Slocan Star Shares Change Hands at .22 Per Share; Granby Gains Dollar

A one-point gain in Granby was helpful to sentiment, and International Coal was up a quarter cent. Bidding for Rambler was of the best, the issue finally standing at .29@.31. Following its spurt of strength less than a week ago, the level stood in an unchanged position, but this morning appeared ready to respond to a renewal of bullish interest. Twenty-five hundred Slocan Star were absorbed at .22 per share. Coronation gained a little, buyers reaching for offers on a small scale.

Possibilities for constructive endeavor have not yet been made opportune in the list, and until the disposition of leading markets has a more optimistic bearing nothing of moment can be expected in the larger sense. This does not prevent any one or more issues focussing higher.

| | Bid. | Asked. |
|---|---|---|
| Blackbird Syndicate | $19.00 | $24.00 |
| Can. Copper Co. | 1.60 | 1.85 |
| Crow's Nest Coal | 70.00 | .. |
| Can. Cons. S. & R. | 147.00 | 152.00 |
| Coronation Gold | .13½ | .15½ |
| Granby | 91.00 | 92.00 |
| Int. Coal & Coke Co. | .08½ | .. |
| Lucky Jim Zinc | .08 | .08¾ |
| McGillivray Coal | .10 | .. |
| Portland Canal | .. | .01¾ |
| Rambler Cariboo | .29½ | .31 |
| Portland Tunnels | .. | .05 |
| Standard Lead | 1.52 | 1.60 |
| Snowstorm | .21 | .25 |
| Stewart M. & D. | .. | .75 |
| Slocan Star | .20 | .22 |
| Stewart Land | .. | 7.00 |
| Victoria Phoenix Brew. | .. | 115.00 |
| **Unlisted.** | | |
| American Marconi | 3.50 | 4.00 |
| Canadian Marconi | 1.00 | 1.50 |
| Glacier Creek | .. | .03½ |
| Island Investment | .. | 20.00 |
| Union Club (Deb.), new | .. | .40 |
| Do., old | .. | 90.00 |
| Western Can. F. Mills | 101.00 | 108.00 |
| University School Debs | .. | 100.00 |
| Howe Sound M. Co. | 5.00 | 5.25 |
| Pingree Mines | .. | .10 |
| Colonial Pulp | .08 | .. |
| **Sales.** | | |
| 2,500 Slocan Star | .... | .22 |

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## NEW YORK CURB PRICES.

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

| | Bid. | Asked |
|---|---|---|
| Amn. Marconi | 3¼ | 3½ |
| Buffalo | 2 | 1 |
| Can. Car Fdy. | 65 | 70 |
| Do., pref. | 85 | 90 |
| Can. Copper | 1¾ | 1¾ |
| Can. Marconi | 1 | 1½ |
| Crown Reserve | 47 | 48 |
| Daly West | 3½ | 3¾ |
| Dome Mines | 75½ | 75¾ |
| Em. Phone | 13½ | 14½ |
| Hedley Gold | .. | 23 |
| Howe Sound | 5½ | 5¾ |
| Gold Con. | 90 | 95 |
| Hollinger | 26 | 27 |
| Kerr Lake | 4½ | 4¾ |
| La Rose | 60 | 65 |
| Mines of Ama. | 2¾ | 3 |
| Nipissing | 7½ | 7½ |
| Standard | 1½ | 1¾ |
| Stewart | 40 | 43 |
| Steel of Can. | 47 | 48 |
| Success | 83 | 86 |
| Tonapah | 6½ | 7 |
| Yukon | 2½ | 2½ |

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## METAL MARKET.

New York, April 4.—Lead, $7.75 bid; spelter not quoted. Copper firm; electrolytic, nearby, $28@$29, nominal; June and later, $27@$27.50. Iron firm and unchanged. Tin firm; spot, $40@$42.

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## NEW YORK SUGAR.

New York, April 4.—Ra wsugar quiet; molasses, $5.19; centrifugal, $5.96; refined firm. Sugar futures quiet and steady; at midday prices were unchanged.

**Phoenix Beer—2 qts. for 25c**

# FAIR INQUIRY FROM OUTSIDE QUARTERS

Specialties Lead List in Upward Movement; Market Continues Narrow

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

New York, April 4.—Without there being anything in the developments to alter the aspect materially, the list advanced, under the leadership of specialties, notably the war order issues. Buying in the beginning was principally by shorts, but as the session progressed a fair inquiry developed from outside sources. There are not as yet any distinct indications of the list—with the exception perhaps of the instances of a few selected issues—having worked itself out of the prescribed limits in which it has been fluctuating for some weeks.

The controlling influence appears to be the status of things between Washington and Berlin, and until something decisive occurs relative thereto, a trading market is likely to be the order of things.

| | High. | Low. | Bid. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alaska Gold | 21½ | 20½ | 20½ |
| Allis-Chalmers | 30½ | 29½ | 29 |
| Do., pref. | 77¾ | 77 | 77 |
| Amn. Coal Products | 163¾ | 163 | 163½ |
| Amn. Beet Sugar | 73½ | 72½ | 72½ |
| Amn. Can. | 61¾ | 60¾ | 60¾ |
| Amn. Car & Foundry | 71½ | 69¾ | 69½ |
| Amn. Steel Foundry | 53 | 52½ | 52½ |
| Amn. Woollen | 50½ | 50 | 50 |
| Amn. Locomotive | 82½ | 78¾ | 78½ |
| Amn. Smelting | 102½ | 102 | 102½ |
| Amn. Tel. & Tel. | 128 | 127½ | 127½ |
| Anaconda | 87½ | 86¾ | 86½ |
| Atchison | 103¾ | 103½ | 103¾ |
| B. & O. | 87¾ | 87½ | 87½ |
| Cal. Petroleum | 24 | 23¾ | 23¾ |
| Central Leather | 54¾ | 54½ | 54 |
| C. & O. | 62 | 61¾ | 62 |
| C. & G. W., pref. | 37¾ | 37½ | 37 |
| C., M. & St. P. | 93¾ | 93½ | 93½ |
| Colo. Fuel & Iron | 45¾ | 45 | 45½ |
| Crucible | 96½ | 92½ | 92½ |
| Con. Gas | 135¾ | 135½ | 134½ |
| Distillers Sec. | 49¾ | 48¾ | 48¾ |
| Erie | 27 | 26¾ | 26¾ |
| Do., 1st pref. | 52½ | 52 | 52 |
| Goodrich | 77½ | 72½ | 76½ |
| G. N., pref. | 121½ | 121½ | 121½ |
| G. N. Ore ctfs. | 44½ | 44 | 43½ |
| Inspiration | 48¾ | 47½ | 47½ |
| Ind. Alcohol | 165½ | 161 | 161 |
| Lackawanna | 78¾ | 77 | 77 |
| Mackay Co.'s | 81½ | 80 | 80½ |
| Maxwell Motor | 74½ | 72½ | 72½ |
| Mex. Petroleum | 112¾ | 109½ | 110½ |
| N. Y. Air Brake | 147½ | 145 | 142½ |
| Nat. Lead | 67½ | 66¾ | 66½ |
| Nevada Cons. | 18½ | 17¾ | 17¾ |
| New Haven | 64 | 63½ | 63½ |
| N. Y. C. | 104¾ | 104½ | 104¾ |
| N. & W. | 122½ | 121½ | 121½ |
| North America Co. | 69½ | 69 | 69 |
| N. P. | 113¾ | 113½ | 113½ |
| Pennsylvania | 56¾ | 56¾ | 56¾ |
| Pittsburg Coal | 28¾ | 28 | 28 |
| Do., pref. | 103 | 102½ | 102½ |
| Reading | 85½ | 84½ | 84½ |
| Rep. Iron & Steel | 52¾ | 51½ | 51½ |
| Sloss Sheffield | 56 | 55¾ | 55½ |
| S. P. | 98 | 97¾ | 98 |
| Sou. Railway | 20¾ | 20½ | 20½ |
| Studebaker Corpn. | 146½ | 143 | 143¾ |
| Tenn. Copper | 53¾ | 53½ | 52¾ |
| U. P. | 133¾ | 132½ | 133½ |
| U. S. Refining | 69½ | 67¾ | 67¾ |
| U. S. Rubber | 52½ | 51½ | 51½ |
| Do., 1st pref. | 112 | 111 | 111 |
| U. S. Steel | 86 | 85 | 85 |
| Do., pref. | 116¾ | 116¾ | 116¾ |
| Utah Copper | 83½ | 81½ | 81½ |
| Va. Car Chemical | 45¾ | 44¾ | 43 |
| Western Union | 90½ | 90 | 90½ |
| Westinghouse | 66¾ | 65½ | 65 |
| Granby (Boston) | 91 | 90¾ | 90½ |
| Willy's-Overland | 243 | 237 | 237 |
| Anglo-French Loan | 95¾ | 95½ | 95½ |

Money on call, 1½ per cent.
Total sales, 595,500 shares.

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## NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

| | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. | 12.27 | 12.34 | 12.27 | 12.29-30 |
| May | 11.82 | 11.89 | 11.78 | 11.85-86 |
| July | 11.95 | 12.03 | 11.93 | 11.99-12 |
| Oct. | 12.06 | 12.11 | 12.05 | 12.07-08 |
| Dec. | 12.22 | 12.29 | 12.22 | 12.24-25 |


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# SUPPLY IS VOTED FOR YEAR 1916-17

## Opposition Gained Some Little Information as to Reckless Spending Done

## MINISTERS WERE NOT FREE WITH EXPLANATION

## Lack of Knowledge of Departmental Workings Was Much in Evidence

Legislative Press Gallery,
April 3.

The fourth day was spent on the estimates to-day and shortly before midnight all the items had been passed, and the supply bill will be brought down to-morrow and put through just as quickly as the rules of the House will allow. When this done the great constitutional check upon a government will have gone for this session, and no matter what it does thereafter to the end of the session there will be this means of expressing popular dissatisfaction with its action the less.

The opposition has maintained a vigilant watch on the passing of supply, although it has been impossible to give it as much time as it should get owing to the haste of the government, and the incapacity of ministers to furnish information desired—and which they should have at their finger ends or be able to secure in very short time. A good deal of information has been obtained, however, which but goes to bear out what is already known by the public as to the recklessly extravagant methods of the administration in handling the public funds.

Songhees Reserve Work.

The vote for Songhees Indian reserve improvements was $240,000, and Mr. Williams asked what the province was to get for this expenditure.

Mr. Taylor informed the House that during the last twelve months the government had been doing a good deal of work on the extension of Johnson street, in accordance with an agreement with the city of Victoria. There had been an amount as the province's grant in connection with the reconstruction of the Johnson street bridge, but this had not been used last year because the city was not ready to proceed.

Mr. Brewster—Do we understand that the amount does not include relief work?

Mr. Taylor replied that all the work on the Johnson street extension had been going on in that way.

Mr. Brewster—Does this vote now under consideration cover further relief work?

Mr. Taylor—It covers portion of it.

Mr. Williams—Has portion of this vote been already expended or is it available for continuing the work?

Mr. Taylor said it was available for continuing in the event of the city being ready to go ahead with work on the bridge. For this there was $200,000 provided.

Mr. Williams—You cannot take that much out of this vote.

Mr. Taylor did not suppose the whole amount would be spent in one year. If the bridge was proceeded with the government share on progress estimates would probably be $150,000 or $175,000, but it was problematical. He did not anticipate that more would be spent on relief work during the year than last year, $75,000 or $80,000, so there would be a considerable portion left over in any event.

Protection of Game.

The vote for game protection (including temporary salaries, traveling expenses and incidentals of office), was $31,700. This was in addition to $44,000 already voted under the head of civil government for the administration of the Game Act by a game warden, four clerks and thirty-nine deputy game wardens.

Mr. Williams urged that the province could get along with fewer game wardens. The positions were only useful to give jobs to heelers, anyway.

Mr. Macdonald called for an entire readjustment and reduction in the outside service. The only game that game wardens looked after was political game. There was no reason why the provincial police, properly reorganized, should not look after the duties of game and fire wardens as well as constables.

The premier accused Mr. Macdonald of scolding and of wanting the see the protection of game wiped out. He asserted boldly that politics had absolutely nothing to do with the appointment of fish and game wardens, the duties of which office took a peculiar class of men. All the appointments were made by the chief game warden, who had instructions that he must be satisfied the men he appointed were and would be efficient, no matter what his politics. It would be absurd, Mr. Bowser said, to send a provincial constable out into the woods for a month to look after the game, which must be protected in order to bring here wealthy hunters from the United States and Europe. The constables had to look after crime, but the opposition would have them go out acting as game wardens while murder and riot ran rife. All the member for Vancouver knew about the province was what he had seen from a parlor car window while traveling from Cranbrook to Vancouver.

Police Could Act if Reorganized.

Mr. Macdonald said he was quite content to leave to the judgment of the House and country who was more addicted to scolding. In what he had said in this matter he was simply voicing a growing conviction of the need for retrenchment in this and other branches of provincial service. It was beside the mark to talk about depletion of big game. It was simply a question whether, by a proper reorganization of the outside service, this and other work could not be done by the provincial police. If the province had a mounted police system, with some sort of military discipline, there would be an increase in efficiency and a great saving in expense both in this branch of the administration of justice and the sh. game and fire wardens.

Mr. Williams laughed at the notion that there were no politics in game and fire warden appointments, and imagined what trouble Bryan Williams, chief game warden, would get into with the local patronage authorities if he interfered with any of their recommendations for appointments.

Mr. Brewster sympathized with the attorney-general for the reason that he had not a police force capable of acting as game wardens. Commenting on the premier's remark about Mr. Macdonald's knowledge of the province Mr. Brewster pointed out that the public might well think the members of the government went about in airships, judging from the expense accounts they put in, as, for instance, that of the minister of lands in the 1914-15 accounts, $4,657.50.

The premier said there were two years' expenses there.

Minister's Expenses.

Mr. Brewster said this might well be, since the vouchers included a bill for a trip to Hope Bay to address a political meeting in The Islands by-election, when the minister got so excited that he fell over the dock into the sea before he got there.

"If we had a good, capable, efficient police force," continued Mr. Brewster, "we would not need game wardens because law and order would be maintained. As things are you have a host of wardens who are really political workers in the interest of the administration. You can hardly turn around in Rossland riding without knocking some game warden off his perch or upsetting a fire warden. A little while ago the minister of finance, who represents that riding, was complaining of there being too many of them."

For the destruction of wolves, cougars, coyotes and other wild animals $35,000 was voted. The premier explained that it was intended to cut the bounty on coyotes down from $3 to $1.50 or $1.

Motor Traffic Revenue.

Mr. Macdonald suggested, on the vote of $6,000 under the Motor Traffic Regulation Act, that the municipalities ought to get a fair division of the revenue under the act, in part compensation for the wear and tear upon their streets and roads.

The premier thought there were difficulties in the way of making any division, and that the government was doing the best thing under the circumstances in contributing to the building of trunk roads.

The sum of $250,000 was voted to the minister of finance as an advance for administration purposes on account of the Dominion Trust Company under the two guarantee bonds of $50,000 in the London Guarantee & Accident Co., Ltd., and of $200,000 in the Railway Passengers' Assurance Co.

The premier explained, in reply to Mr. Macdonald, that litigation was going on over the larger bonds and was near the point of trial. In the case of the smaller one a writ had not yet been issued, but was being considered. The delay was due to there being not enough information from the liquidator of the Dominion Trust. Both bonds applied only to depositors and beneficiaries of trust funds in this province. There were difficulties as to who was entitled and on what basis the distribution was to be made, and this entailed a legal reference. The province was taking a chance in securing the fulfilment of these two bonds, and if it did not secure the payment of them the taxpayers of the province would have to bear the loss of the quarter-million dollars.

Mr. Macdonald remarked that this in itself was proof that even in the opinion of the government it had a serious liability in the failure of the Dominion Trust Company.

"Miscellaneous" Again.

For telegrams to be sent by government departments during the year $15,000 was voted, and for telephone service $22,500. On votes of $25,000 for temporary assistance and $75,000 for "miscellaneous, not detailed in estimates," Mr. Williams and Mr. Macdonald protested that the government should be able to estimate more closely what unforeseen expenditures were likely to aggregate instead of taking a large blanket vote which might be made use of for any purposes the government chose.

The premier's explanation was that there was something turning up all the time for which there was no vote. If the matter was left till a supplementary vote was obtained at the succeeding session, people would have to wait for their money, and the government did not want to ask for more special warrants than were absolutely necessary.

Mr. Brewster pointed out a payment to the Colonist for printing in 1914-15 which was included under miscellaneous instead of under the printing and publicity vote.

"And right under that is a payment of $5 for burying a dead horse," said Mr. Williams. In the laughter which the remark brought out he hinted that a change of government might result in more dead horses.

Mr. Bowser having stated that he had had several of his speeches printed and distributed, but never at the public expense, Mr. Brewster pointed out a payment to the Colonist for "one thousand copies of Hon. W. J. Bowser's speech."

The premier explained that this speech was delivered before the board of trade at its annual meeting. The practice for some years had been for one of the ministers to give a resume of business conditions without political coloring at all, the province paying for the printing of this in pamphlet form and the board of trade distributing it.

Mr. Williams remembered that he had seen a payment noted in the public accounts a few years back of $1,000 to "a young and struggling Victoria author, C. H. Lugrin," and he wanted to know where he could find a copy of this, so that he could see the name and nature of it.

Dr. Young assured him that the bureau of information would furnish him with a copy.

Mr. Williams was also curious about a payment for barristers' ties under the head of miscellaneous.

Mr. Bowser told him that owing to regulations made by some of the judges that their registrars must appear properly gowned it had been necessary to send to Toronto for gowns and ties for them.

May Be a Salary Cut.

It is possible that there was a hint of a cut in the salaries of the civil service contained in a remark of the minister of lands when the expenses of the water rights branch of his department were reached. He explained that the reason for including the salary of the comptroller of water rights under the head of expert assistance instead of under civil government was that the comptroller, W. Young, was not on the permanent staff, and intimated that later on he might be put on the permanent staff at a reduced salary, or it might be that there would be a reorganization of the branch possible when the present inquiries are completed and Mr. Young have to find other employment.

Mr. Williams expressed the opinion that the government was doing business on the principle of the sailor who, after a cruise of eighteen months, came into a port with money in his pocket. The size of the votes the government got was a standing invitation to cut loose, especially in the lands department.

On the forest branch vote the minister explained that out of 134 officials 81 had enlisted and the salaries of these had to be carried, as the government paid the difference between their military pay and their salaries. Anyway, there was an immense revenue from the forests and it was imperative to have a staff to keep these looked after.

Mr. Brewster remarked that the minister always got back to this question of big revenue from his department as an excuse for his expenditure. No one objected to spending enough to take care of a great asset, but it was taking a very much greater sum to do so than a few years ago, and no great loss had been suffered by the asset in the years when a smaller amount was expended upon it.

On a vote of $90,000 for transport, salaries of temporary officials and upkeep of boats for the forest branch, Mr. Brewster asked what boat the branch had.

Mr. Ross said they had quite a large number, but he was not prepared to give the details. These boats were occupied in patrolling, collecting revenue, seeing that the export provisions were complied with and fire ranging. None of them were expensive to build, the most expensive not costing over $6,000 or $7,000.

An Improper Charge.

On the item of travelling expenses of ministers, Mr. Brewster drew attention to a voucher for Hon. W. R. Ross on December 3-5, for a trip from Sidney to Hope Bay, $30. This had been a political trip entirely, and should not have been charged to the public treasury. It was nothing but a political trip, because he had been at the meeting, which was a joint one, himself, and it was a pretty warm one.

The premier said he did not personally approve of such expenditure being charged against the public revenue. Any minister who took part in a political meeting should pay his expenses out of his own pocket. The voucher must have been put in without the minister's knowledge and he was sure his colleague, whose attention he would draw to the matter, would be only too glad to refund the $30 to the treasury. It was a payment that ought not to have been made, as the treasury had no right to bear the expenses of a political trip.

On the moving picture censorship vote, Mr. Williams pointed out that this service cost more than the factory inspection. Evidently the attorney general had more thought for the mental and moral welfare of the workers than for their physical safety.

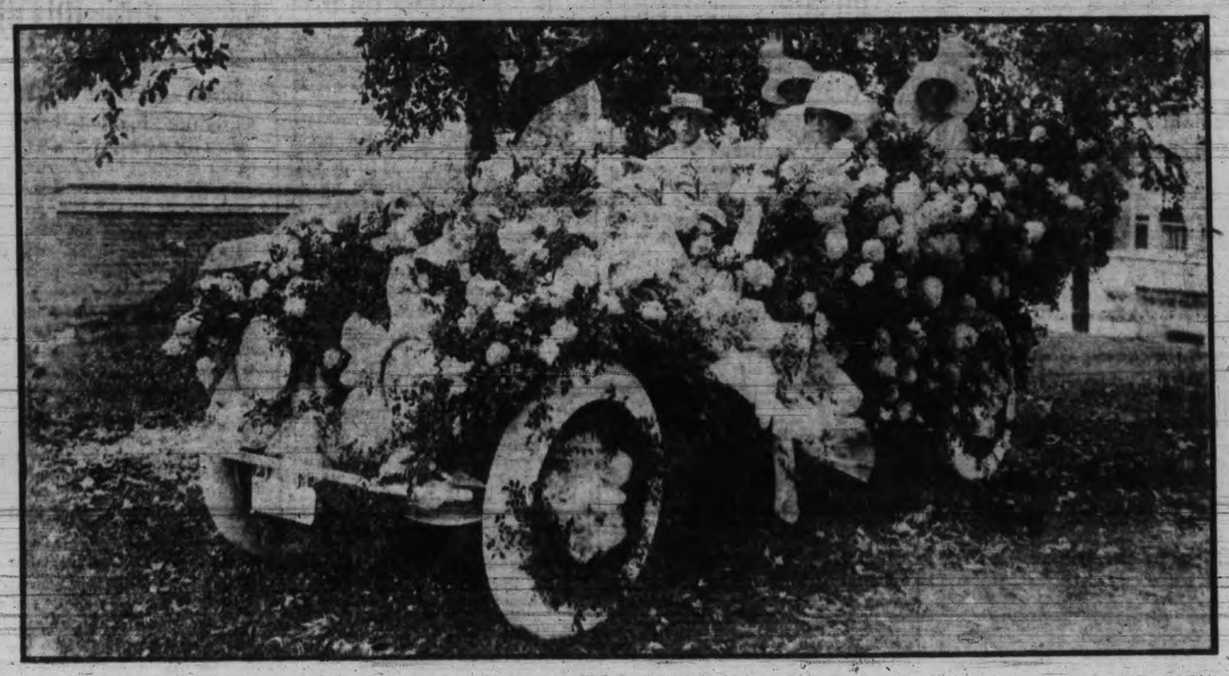
Mr. Bowser replied that there were not nearly as many factories in the province as people would like to see, and there were not so many inspectors required.

Nine Ministers for Province.

Before the House adjourned bills were introduced respecting the department of agriculture and amending the Constitution Act so as to provide for a separate department of agriculture, independent of that of finance, with which it has been nearly always connected.

There will now be nine ministers for the province, seven receiving a salary of $6,000 each in addition to their sessional indemnity. These are the provincial secretary (who has always administered the department of education), attorney general, minister of lands, minister of finance, minister of agriculture, minister of mines, minister of public works, minister of railways and president of the council. The two latter do not receive any salary, the duties of minister of railways being by statute performed by the minister of public works, and the president never being paid as he does not administer a portfolio.

# ROSE-GARLANDED AUTOMOBILE AT PORTLAND, ORE.



The great floral pageants at Portland, Ore., will be held this year on June 7, 8 and 9. Portland has long been known as the "Rose City."

# TWENTY-FIVE MILLION ROSES FOR PORTLAND

## Great Festival at Coast City to Be Particularly Beautiful This Year

Portland, Oregon, is again turning its attention to the production of roses, for in June comes the tenth annual rose festival, when millions of the beautiful blooms will be required for the rose fete on June 7, 8, and 9.

When the festival opens it will also be the occasion for the national dedication of the Columbia River highway, the new roadway through the gorge of the Columbia River completed in the fall of 1915 at a cost of $2,000,000 for the first forty miles.

The highway makes the gorge of the river passable for the first time in history for automobiles. In many places it hangs to the cliffs and at Crown Point makes a turn more than 700 feet above the river then dropping 500 feet in two miles on a grade of five per cent.

The building of the highway has opened up a new scenic wonderland for the tourists of the world, and the gorge of the Columbia may now be viewed from an automobile within a few hours ride from Portland for the round trip.

The dedication ceremonies will take place at Multnomah Falls, near Portland. The falls are one of eleven in less than ten miles of travel. This has given this section of the gorge the name "Road of Falling Waters." Multnomah is the second highest in the United States.

Portland will produce more than 25,000,000 roses this year. One of the floral features will be a magnificent festival centre where one attraction will be a fountain composed of 15,000 "Dorothy Perkins" roses. At Peninsula park in June Portland presents a rose garden where 1,000,000 roses are in bloom at one time. This display covers 14,000 bushes and 700 varieties of the rose family.

Rose festival pageants bring out millions of flowers of all kinds on review. It requires not less than 4,000,000 roses alone in the annual floral parade. This parade features automobiles, horse and automobile apparatus of the Portland fire department, the Portland Hunt Club, the Motorcycle Club, automobiles and vehicles of every description.

Portland's invitation to the world to visit the tenth annual festival is best expressed in the city's 1916 slogan: "For you a rose in Portland Grows."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# AGENCY GENERAL A COSTLY LUXURY

## Details of the Extra Cost to the Province of Maintaining the Office

## NEW BUILDING WILL COST MILLION DOLLARS

## Heavy Mortgage for Thirty Years Left on It at Excessive Rate of Interest

Legislative Press Gallery,
April 3.

As was stated in the House last night by the leader of the opposition, the people of British Columbia have no idea yet of the price they are paying for the achievement by the present premier of his ambition to sit in the seat of first minister of the province.

To begin with, there is the increase of $5,000 a year in the salary being paid to the late premier as agent general in London, there is for this year a bonus of $5,000 to Hon. J. H. Turner, the retiring agent general, there is a retiring allowance of $6,000 to be paid to him from January 1 last, and there is a continuation of this pension to Mrs. Turner at the rate of $2,500 should she survive her husband.

Then to house the new agent general there is a fine new building in Regent street, the cost of which will reach a total of one million dollars before it is paid for. Both salary and offices are far in excess of what other more important portions of the empire find it necessary to pay for the same service, and they receive as efficient service for the smaller amounts paid.

When the vote for the office was reached in the afternoon Mr. Place thought that an explanation was needed.

Premier Defends Increase.

Premier Bowser stated that the salary of the agent general would be increased from $10,000 to $15,000, which accounted for the increase in the total vote from $30,000 to $35,000. The reasons for the increase were many. In the first place the agent general had left the old office and moved to Regent street into commodious offices which were a great credit to the province. Naturally the man and the expenses would mean a greater cost. In the past the province had paid Mr. Turner's income tax, which was 3s. 9d. in the pound, or nearly one-fifth of his salary. Sir Richard McBride would pay his own income tax, something under £600 sterling. The expenses of living in London had increased about seventy per cent. since the war began, so instead of decreasing the salary there was every reason for increasing it.

"A Striking Figure."

Sir Richard was a striking figure in London, not only on account of his being so popular but through his knowing the province so thoroughly from boyhood until to-day. No one knew it better than he. He had been doing splendid work since he took office in working for the release of interned German ships to place them in the lumber trade, taking up affairs with the colonial and home offices, and with Mr. Woods, of the lands department, in placing from the foreign and war offices orders for timber which had formerly gone elsewhere. His time was taken up daily with these several matters. No man could represent British Columbia better with the heads of the British government than he. If he was worth anything to British Columbia he was worth $15,000. In the position he occupied a certain amount of style was necessary, and a certain amount of entertaining was needed.

Mr. Place wanted to know what would take place when the income tax was reduced. Would the salary be reduced or was this income tax story just an excuse for the time being? It was an illogical reason to put forward for the increase. He got no answer to his question, however.

Half Was Not Told.

Mr. Brewster said the impression from the premier's remarks would be that after all this was a modest increase and the province was to have a better service. Why did he not take the House and country into his confidence and say that this was but one phase of the increase? He did not say that there was to be a retiring allowance of $6,000 a year for the retiring agent general, a sum of something like $5,000 as a cash bonus and a continuance of the allowance at a smaller figure to Mrs. Turner should she outlive her husband. On top of this the province was called upon to keep up an establishment which has cost $198,000 so far as had been voted, a further sum being voted this session and a sum of £60,000 being carried by the contractors for 30 years at a tremendously big rate of interest for London, so that the province was assuming something like an obligation of one million dollars before this mortgage fell due, and an annual amount which would closely approximate $100,000. Continuing, Mr. Brewster said:

"The premier tells us we will have a representative who knows how to entertain. These entertainments in the past have been largely paid for by the citizens of British Columbia. If he entertains in London as he did here and charges it up to the province as in the past, I can see where it will take more than $100,000 to run the office. Mr. Turner, I am told by those who have called upon him, entertained them hospitably, showed them about the city and brought them into contact with the people they desired to meet, and all this very efficient representation of the province was done within the $30,000 appropriation and in the offices that our former agent general occupied for so long. Generally he carried on his work satisfactorily, but because the present premier had to have some place into which to push the ex-premier in such a way as not to hurt his feelings, so that he could get his office himself, a little expense of a million dollars is nothing at all.

A Heavy Responsibility.

"As a matter of fact the province is assuming a responsibility away above any other province and offering to our agent general a greater salary than any paid to a provincial agent general. We are paying this immense sum and taxing the public for the privilege of having the present prime minister in the seat of leader of the House. The people of British Columbia do not want to have the money they are paying into the treasury paid out for any such luxury as we are maintaining in London. Be his efforts ever so successful it is impossible for him to make the office earn anything like the sum it is costing the province. This position had to be found for Sir Richard McBride, simply to permit his lieutenant to attain to the political eminence he now fills, and it is open to considerable doubt what value Sir Richard McBride will render the province in London or whether the premier would give the province value in his office. I object to this great expenditure in common with fully 90 per cent. of the people of British Columbia. Here is the place for us to do some pruning."

H. H. Watson (Vancouver) was of opinion that Mr. Turner and his wife could not have long to live, so that the question of their pension did not need to worry the House.

Useless Services.

Mr. Williams dealt with some of the things that it was claimed Sir Richard would do as agent general. It was no use saying that he would bring labor or settlers to the province when we were shipping labor out and settlers were leaving in shoals. According to the Dominion government figures there came here in 1911-12-13 157,000 people, while our own officials estimated that in three years 100,000 people had left the province, and United States figures showed that in one year 17,634 had gone to the state of Washington. It was equally useless to talk about bringing capital here. The investor, especially the British investor, had been hopelessly skinned and robbed in recent years, and if capital from the old country was needed the soft smoothness of Sir Richard McBride would not bring it. The Canadian Northern operations might be adduced as a horrible example of what happened to the old country investor.

It was estimated the nine dollars a month would keep a workman and his wife, but the premier thought that $15,000 was not too much for a politician. Many a person wished to-day that they had not had a politician at the head of affairs for so many years past. The new building in London typified an extravagant, top-heavy conception of things which must bring the province into contempt. Who stated the terms upon which Sir Richard had left office for his first lieutenant's benefit? If they were exacted by Sir Richard from Mr. Bowser people would have to revise their opinion of him; if the present prime minister was generous he was generous with someone else's money.

More Than Jellicoe Gets.

At the present moment the great bulwark of Britain, the line that stood between civilization and savagery, which had to perform tasks that few could understand or conceive, was the grand fleet in the North Sea, and yet the man whose brain controlled this vast fighting force received slightly less than it was proposed to give the agent general for British Columbia. The whole proposal for increased salary and the vast expenditure on a new building constituted a farce from top to bottom.

Mr. Macdonald pointed out that if the government had looked ahead and had considered what was being done by other provinces a year or two since, when it undertook to build a palatial office in London, it would have been deterred from embarking on an unjustifiable and extravagant expenditure. No province spent anything like the amount on its agent general in London that British Columbia did, and none had suffered one iota from following along business lines and maintaining offices on a business basis. Ontario paid its agent general $4,000 a year, and $8 a day for expenses; Al-

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# DISINGENUOUS ARE SOME REPLIES GIVEN

## Other Alternative is That the P. G. E. is Not Legally Organized Company

Legislative Press Gallery,
April 4.

If an answer given in the House this afternoon is to be taken as accurate and not a quibble, the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company is doing business illegally, it never having been properly organized. The other alternative is that the minister of railway has been disingenuous in furnishing replies to opposition questions.

A series of answers given a few days ago shows that the company has a board of directors, which pre-supposes that they are shareholders. The company's act of incorporation requires that it shall have $100,000 of the capital stock subscribed and alloted, and 10 per cent. paid up on this before there can be a first meeting of shareholders and the election of directors. Subscription for shares involves their sale by the company for cash or other consideration.

M. A. Macdonald's questions which were answered this afternoon were as follow:

1. Has any of the capital stock of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company been sold?

2. If so, how much?

3. At what price?

4. Has any of the capital stock of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company been hypothecated?

5. If so, how much?

6. For what amount?

7. What was the contract price per unit for the various kinds of work performed and material used in the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?

8. If no tenders were called for, and if the government has no knowledge of the prices paid to sub-contractors and to stationmen, upon what information does the government rely to prevent excessive cost of construction being charged against the funds of the railway company, realized from the sale of provincial guaranteed bonds?

9. What is the amount required to complete the railway to Fort George, as estimated by the government engineer?

Hon. Mr. Taylor's replies were as follow:

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. No.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. Answered by No. 4.

"7. Unit contract prices of J. Welch, contractor: Clearing, $150 per acre; trees cut down outside right-of-way, $3.50 each; grubbing, $300 per acre; solid rock, 500 feet free haul, $1.45 per cubic yard; loose rock, 500 feet free haul, 55 cents per cubic yard; cemented material and hard-pan, 50 cents per cubic yard; common excavation, 500 feet free haul, 32 cents per cubic yard; slips, slides, and overbreak in rock excavation, $1.25 per cubic yard; excavations in foundations, no cofferdams, $3 per cubic yard; overhaul all materials per 100 feet over 500 feet haul, 2 cents per cubic yard; piling delivered as per engineer's bill, 35 cents per lineal foot; pile-driving, 35 cents per lineal foot; paving in culverts, $2.50 per cubic yard; crib filling with stone, $2.50 per cubic yard; hand-laid riprap, $2 per cubic yard; Pierre Perdu randon riprap, $1.25 per cubic yard; round logs in crib, 25 cents per lineal foot; framed trestles, except stringers, $45 per 1,000 feet B.M.; caps, walings, and braces for pile and framed trestles, $45 per 1,000 feet B.M.; sawed ties and guard-rails for bridges, $45 per 1,000 feet B.M.; stringers, $50 per 1,000 feet B.M.; native timber in culverts (cedar, fir, pine, tamarack, hemlock, or spruce), 30 cents per lineal foot; tunnels, rock section, unlined (14,224 cubic yards), $85 per lineal foot; tunnels, timber lining, $45 per 1,000 fet B.M.; iron in drift-bolts, 8 cents per pound; iron in screw-bolts, 8 cents per pound; forged or cut spikes, 8 cents per pound; castiron washers and separators, 8 cents per pound; overhaul on construction material (4 miles free haul), $1 per ton per mile; track-ties, 50 cents each; switch-ties, $45 per 1,000 feet B.M.; track-laying, $750 per mile; side surfacing, $700 per mile; surfacing train haul and ballasting, 50 cents per cubic yard; train haul, bridge filling, including trestle, 50 cents per cubic yard.

"8. This question is rather ambiguous. The government deals solely with the company's monthly estimates, which are checked and rechecked by the government engineer and his assistant.

"9. To complete the whole road from Second Narrows, Burrard Inlet to Prince George, 479.6 miles, it is estimated by the chief engineer of railways that it will cost approximately $11,463,730.11, everything included."

Island Section of C. N. Pacific.

In regard to the Island section of the Canadian Northern Pacific Mr. Brewster asked the following questions:

1. Has the Canadian Northern Railway Company acquired the title to any or all of the right-of-way occupied by its line of railway between the city of Victoria and Barkley Sound?

2. If the company has not acquired title to all of its right-of-way what is the reason why title has not been so acquired?

3. What is the acreage?

4. And what is the value of the right-of-way for which title has not yet been acquired?

To these Mr. Taylor replied:

"1. Yes, to the extent of 90 per cent. of the total.

"2. In general, the only reasons are purchases on agreements of sale for which payments have not been completed; arrangements with certain lumber companies for giving them crossings (such arrangements to be embodied in the deeds); and in the case of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, negotiations at present taking place as to the form of conveyances to be adopted for lands taken within the Esquimalt & Nanaimo land grant.

"3. Lumber companies, 298 acres; Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway, 239 acres; sundry, 36 acres; free right-of-way from government of British Columbia, 429 acres; total, 984 acres.

"4. Approximately $35,000."

# PREMIER CONVERTED IN MATTER OF WRITS

## Will Have Law Amended as to Expiry Date of Future Parliaments of Province

Legislative Press Gallery,
April 4.

Whatever the premier may have said during the discussion in the House the night the legislature expired for the second time he is quite evidently of the opinion that the opposition contention as to the date of the return of the first writs governing is sound.

He now proposes to strike out the words in the Constitution Act, which have been in there since the province entered Confederation in 1871. As is now proposed the act will read that in the absence of a dissolution sooner by proclamation "the members of the said assembly shall hold their seats for five years from the day named as the return day in the writs for the election of members to the said assembly, and no longer."

This is, of course, not the first change of heart the premier has shown in the adoption of the views maintained by the opposition. Already this session he has demonstrated conversion in another very important particular, that of the manner of dealing with the land speculators and securing the return of the land held by them without payment to the crown.

# MAY RESTRICT THE LIBRARY PRIVILEGES

## Decision on Point Emphasizes Principle of Contribution

At the city council meeting last evening to the mayor and alderman Cameron, chairman of the public library commissioners, was referred the difficult task of obtaining contributions from outside municipalities for the purchase of books for the public library. The commissioners asked for a direction on policy whether the privileges of the lending department should be denied to residents of municipalities which declined to contribute to the cost of the city library. The Oak Bay council had declined to contribute.

Alderman Todd considered that Oak Bay should contribute to the cost. The sum of $350 was mentioned, no share of the overhead charges being placed against the district council. He recommended that the library commissioners should be requested to devise some arrangement to charge for the use of books by Oak Bay residents.

Alderman Peden seconded the motion.

Alderman McNeill declared that it raised the old question of domicile, and that subject had already been forced to an issue in the schools question.

Alderman Cameron did not think they could sell the library privileges in that way. Last year the Oak Bay council had tendered a cheque for $500, which through a technicality had not been accepted.

The Mayor: "Oak Bay wanted us to start a branch library in that municipality."

Alderman Cameron said he doubted if the charge suggested by Alderman Todd could be made to stick.

Alderman Walker joined with the last speaker, and thereupon the resolution of Alderman Todd was withdrawn, on the understanding that negotiations would be reopened.

### DENVER LANDS PLAYERS.

Denver, Col., April 4.—Transfer of Hank Butcher, outfielder, and Ed Stevens, catcher, from the Indianapolis American Association baseball team to Denver was announced yesterday by James McGill, owner of both clubs.

# AGENCY GENERAL A COSTLY LUXURY

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berta paid $6,000, and Quebec $6,000, with a proviso that the aggregate of salary and all expenses shall not exceed $11,000. No move to increase salaries had been made, nor had there been any complaints by the agents general that they could not live or carry on their work without such an increase. The agent general for the state of Victoria, another McBride had just been reappointed for three years at a salary of £1,500 ($7,500) a year, and he represented a population over three times that of British Columbia.

Retrenchment Only Talk.

"At the time when we are talking about retrenchment but leaving it at talk," said Mr. Macdonald, "when there is an opportunity to practice retrenchment in the public interest, the opportunity is not taken, but an increase in the expenditure is made. No doubt Sir Richard McBride will make a good agent general, but he will not make such a difference in comparison with the old agent general as to justify an increase of $5,000 in the salary. I move that this vote be reduced by $5,000 to the old figure, $30,000."

This was lost on a show of hands by four to eighteen.

H. B. Thomson did not think the House appreciated the services of the agent general. He admitted that it might have been foolish to go in for such a costly building, but it having been erected it was only right that the scheme should be carried out to the full. The prairie provinces did not administer their lands, and in addition to what the Dominion did there was the advertising done by the Hudson's Bay Company and the C.P.R.

Mr. Williams punctuated this argument with the remark that the Australian states had no Hudson's Bay Company or C.P.R. to advertise their lands.

Cost of the Building.

In the evening the committee went back to items which had been allowed to stand over, one of these being for $175,000, for completing and furnishing the London offices.

Mr. Bowser went over the figures he had already given as to the cost of the building, which he estimated at something like two-thirds of a million dollars at the end of thirty years. The sum of £4,500 would carry the sinking fund on the £60,000 which the contractors were carrying, and this would be met out of the rentals for offices in the building. There were not many tenants yet, but Sir Richard had written that he was in negotiation with several prospective tenants.

Mr. Macdonald asked for particulars of the size of the building, number of offices and aggregate of possible rentals.

The premier consulted for some time with the minister of finance and the deputy minister of finance, but had to confess finally that he had not as much information at he would like to have, and he accounted for this in part by the new agent general being so busy that he had not had time to acquire or transmit the information himself. All he was able to say from Sir Richard's correspondence was that the latter expected rentals to give the agent general his offices in the building free of charge. The information was also given in the correspondence that the cost of the building exceeded the estimate by $100,000 owing to strikes.

An Exorbitant Interest Charge.

Mr. Brewster pointed out that on what was described as the best property in London, secured by the province of British Columbia, 7½ per cent. interest had to be paid, a rate that a few years ago the English investor would have jumped at. In the course of thirty years some $600,000 would be paid in interest, in addition to the principal. In the end the building would be a million-dollar luxury to give the prime minister his present seat.

Mr. Bowser corrected a misapprehension he had created himself as to the amount of interest. This was only 5 per cent. and the other 2½ per cent. was for sinking fund.

Mr. Williams remarked that the contractor must have thought he was in British Columbia in boom times. The honorable gentleman raised the question whether giving a mortgage to the contractors was not equivalent to taking a loan from them, in which case should there not have been the sanction of parliament to what was done?

Mr. Bowser again had a consultation with the minister and the deputy, but again he could not give any information. Anyway, it was for the other party to the transaction, the contractor, to worry.

Mr. Brewster remarked that in voting money piecemeal for this work the public had no idea of the large sum that was being spent in London. The manner in which the contract had been entered into, so far as concerned the amount to be carried by the contractors, was a blow at free institutions, since the government could apply the same principle in other lines and further weaken the authority of parliament.

Rights of Legislature Usurped.

Mr. Macdonald considered that the premier had not been happy in his explanation. If there was a contract the House should see it and know just what its terms were. Apparently there had been a serious departure from correct principles and practice in having a solemn contract entered into with one of the parties to it, the legislature of B. C., not being consulted in the matter at all. It was obvious that it was the duty of the House to get all the information it could regarding the whole transaction.

Mr. Williams questioned whether it was safe to depend on the rental of offices providing the interest and sinking fund. It was not unthinkable, he said, that some sharpers with a high-sounding British Columbia name might take offices in the building and fleece investors right and left on the strength of having their offices under the eyes of the agent general, and then dodge the rent.

Mr. Macdonald said the premier could be excused for lack of information, but not the minister of public works, to whom the House was entitled to look for full information. There was no explanation offered why a contract had been entered into which had not been sanctioned by the legislature. If such a contract had been entered into it was a serious inroad upon the rights of the legislature.

Were Too Enthusiastic.

The premier owned to an excess of enthusiasm when the building was planned, but was confident it would pay for itself and that better work could be done for the province in the new building. In Sir Richard McBride the province would have an excellent man to train easy money to come back here after the war.

Mr. Brewster dwelt on the manner in which the government had gone blundering ahead with an extravagant expenditure in this as in so many other directions for the reason that there was only one side in the House practically and little chance to check its waste.

Just before the House rose at midnight the premier brought down the bill "to provide for the payment of an allowance to John Herbert Turner." This recites that "whereas the Hon. John Herbert Turner has retired from the public service of British Columbia after many years of service as a member of the legislative assembly, prime minister and agent-general for the province in London, England, and it is fitting that the legislature and the people of British Columbia acknowledge his great public services by making the grants hereinafter provided" the arrangements already mentioned be provided.


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